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Christopoulos back home

George Christopoulos is back from Greece and looks set to resume with Canberra Arrows.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The strong midfielder who has played 13 games for the Socceroos and 10 for the national youth team, came back home last week after spending about a year with AEK Athens.

He played for South Melbourne Hellas before joining Canberra Arrows from where he went to AEK on loan.

After the 1983-84 Greek season he agreed terms with the AEK president for a new contract, and came back to Melbourne on holidays.

On his return, however, he was told that AEK had spent all its transfer money and could not afford the \$30,000 Canberra wanted for him.

National service training in Greece presented him with an additional problem.

He explains: "I'm an Australian citizen, but clubs there wouldn't accept me as a foreign player, as they could fill their two-man foreign quota with European imports. They wanted me as a Greek player, so I put some effort into getting Greek citizenship, but that would have involved national service. What's more, they didn't want to release me for Australian national team duty. All that and the fact that I still have six months of my sports administration course to run at the Sports Institute, prompted me to come back.

"I've changed my attitude a bit now. I wanted to play full-time, but I now tend to think it's better to cultivate something outside soccer to secure my future."



George Christopoulos



Sydney Hakoah's right back Ean Rodrigues put on one of the finest performances yet seen this season, against SM-Hellas at Middle Park on Sunday. Rodrigues (right) is pictured tackling Alan Davidson. See page 5.

LES MURRAY JOINS US!

Les Murray (pictured) of Channel 0/28, one of the most well-respected soccer commentators in Australia, will join "Soccer Action" as a regular columnist next week.

Murray hosts Channel 0's "Match of the Day," "International Sports Magazine," "On The Ball" and "Domestic Sports" programmes.

A journalist for more than 13 years, Murray, 38, was born in Hungary, migrated to Australia in 1957, and lived for a time in England. It was there that he auditioned for TV producer Bob Gardham, who was the Ten Network's coverage of NSL soccer in Australia. Murray was hired as a commentator, and later worked also for CTC7 in Canberra before joining Channel 0.

Murray's weekly column is sponsored by General Tourist travel agency of 385 Victoria Street, Abbotsford.

Furore erupts over banning of Ethiopians

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Lemma Kibret was the hero of Ethiopia's Africa Cup win over Mauritius in Mauritius in April, 1983, saving four penalties after extra time.

He was his country's captain that day. Now, just 15 months later, he's waiting in his flat at Enterprise Migrant Centre in Springvale, Victoria as his future in Australian soccer hangs in the balance.

Kibret, Sisaye Kebede and brothers Ermias and Solomon Wondimu are political refugees. They also are damn good soccer players, and they're in the middle of a storm that may have a sensational effect on the Victorian state league competition.

They have represented Ethiopia at youth and senior levels. Ermias Wondimu was one of Ethiopia's scorers in that nail-biting penalty showdown against Mauritius. Solomon Wondimu was on the bench.

Kebede in youths

Sisaye Kebede played for the Ethiopian youth team which was ousted, at the last hurdle, by Algeria and failed to win a place in the World Youth Cup finals in Japan in 1979.

Kibret and the Wondimu brothers fled Ethiopia in April, 1983. They went to Mauritius, leaving behind a country ravaged by years of civil war and Somali incursion. Kebede also fled Ethiopia last year and went to Mauritius.

All four arrived in Australia on May 19 this year, with visas carrying the stamp of the Australian High Commission in Nairobi.

Ermias and Solomon Wondimu registered as amateur players with Victorian Provisional League club South Dandenong in May. Their registration forms, lodged at Soccer House, stated that they had no previous club.

Kibret and Kebede registered with Ringwood Wilhelmina on June 15. No previous clubs were named in their registration forms. The Wondimu brothers transferred to Wilhelmina on June 26.

Kebede and Ermias Wondimu made their first team debuts in Wilhelmina's 1-1 draw with Box Hill at Wembley Park on Sunday, July 8. Ermias Wondimu scored in Wilhelmina's 4-1 win over Doveton at Jubilee Park the following Sunday. Kebede and Ermias Wondimu played in Wilhelmina's 2-3 loss to Polonia at Raleigh Reserve on Sunday, July 22.

A telex from the ASF to the VSF arrived at Soccer House last week. It told VSF secretary George Wallace to inform Wilhelmina that Ermias Wondimu was suspended indefinitely, pending an international clearance from Ethiopia, which, like Australia, is a member country of F.I.F.A.

Wallace quickly investigated the cases of Solomon Wondimu, Kebede and Kibret. They too have been suspended indefinitely.

Will Ethiopia reply?

The Ethiopian federation was informed last week of the ASF's application and has 90 days in which to reply.

If no reply is received within 90 days, the ASF then can issue permits for all four to play in V.League.

Should the Ethiopian federation reply in time, it's unlikely, given the political nature of the four's departure from Ethiopia, that they will be cleared. If that's the case, then under F.I.F.A. law, the Wondimu brothers, Kebede and Kibret will be kept out of soccer for a year.

The VSF has to wait 90 days at most for the Ethiopian federation to respond. Then, the VSF will investigate the matter of Kibret and Kebede having no previous club named on their registration forms with Wilhelmina.

If the VSF's investigation shows cause for Wilhelmina to answer charges of having incorrectly registered the pair, this could play a significant part in deciding the 1984 State League championship.

At the time of writing, Box Hill was one point behind league leader Fawkner. Kebede played in Wilhelmina's 1-1 draw with Box Hill last month. Doveton is struggling to avoid relegation from State League. Kebede played in Wilhelmina's 4-1 win over Doveton last month.

The VSF also will investigate the matter of the Wondimu brothers having no previous clubs named in their registration forms for South Dandenong.

BANDOVIC BACK, 'DA VO' GOING?

Yakka Banovic, at \$130,000 Australia's most expensive player, is back at Melbourne Croatia, which also hopes to sign Jozo Bogdanovic from NK Split within a week.

Bogdanovic, 23, spent five years with Hajduk Split and is a skilful midfielder of forward.

Meanwhile, South Melbourne Hellas star Alan Davidson remains cagey about Nottingham Forest's interest in him. Davidson would say only that Forest had contacted him.

Forest's right-back position has been vacated by Viv Anderson's \$600,000 transfer to Arsenal, the club which offered Davidson a contract early this year.

Both Davidson and George Christopoulos, who tried to join Newcastle United a few years ago, were thwarted by the work permit requirement, but Banovic managed to get one after waiting for four

By LAURIE SCHWAB

months in 1980, before a ban was placed on foreign players.

Banovic was born in Yugoslavia, but came to Australia with his parents at the age of eight, and went to England on an Australian passport.

Back home now on a free transfer, Banovic aims to fight his way back into the national team, for which he played six games in 1980, against Northern Ireland, AC Milan, Tahiti, New Hebrides, Papua New Guinea and New Caledonia.

"I've proved to myself that I can play at top level in Europe. Now I want to play in the World Cup for Australia," he said.

Banovic's early progress with Derby County was hampered by a leg infection which kept him out of action for more than four months. He then played 49 senior games for Derby, with some spectacular success.

In the 1981-82 season for example, Steve Buckley beat Banovic by only one point in Derby's play of the year voting, although Banovic had played in only 20 of 43 matches.

And he also won a "save of the season" competition, judged by Gordon Banks.

"It was decided all over Britain and Europe," Banovic remembers. "The game was against Leicester City at Leicester. A corner came across, it was headed by Larry May, and then it was headed again by Gary Lineker, forcing me to change direction. The ball was going into the top corner, but I managed to reach it and tip it on to the crossbar."

Banovic decided to leave Derby after the club had been relegated to the Third Division. He turned down offers from Cyprus, Finland, Belgium, the U.S., English club Coventry City and his former club, Heidelberg-Alexander, to join Melbourne Croatia.

Banovic's debut for Derby couldn't have been more spectacular. Thrashed 6-1 by Watford the previous week, Derby, with Banovic almost unbeatable in goal, beat league leader Sheffield Wednesday 3-1.

His team mates at Derby included Scottish internationals John Robertson and Archie Gemmill, England internationals Dave Watson, Dave Swindlehurst, Roy



Yakka Banovic (front, second from left) with the Oceania Cup which Australia won in New Caledonia in 1980.

McFarland, and Charlie George, and Irish international Gerry Daley.

Banovic said last week he left Melbourne Croatia the first time only because the club was not in the NSL at the time. "Now that they're in the top league, it was natural for me to go back to them," he said.

Croatia also had hoped to regain Eddie Krncevic but after having left Dinamo Zagreb, Krncevic appears set to join MSV Duisburg in West Germany.

Banovic did not play against Sydney last Sunday, and coach Tony Vrzina now faces a tough choice in deciding between Banovic and Peter Blasby for the game against Makedonia on Sunday.

Banovic was educated at Whyalla where he also developed as an all-round sportsman, representing his school region at discus, javelin and the 1500 metres, playing representative table tennis and also starring as an Australian Rules ruck-rover.

It was his Australian rules experience that helped make him a first-class goalkeeper.

After playing for Croatia-Whyalla, he

was signed by Croatia Adelaide which flew him back and forth from Whyalla to play in South Australian State League matches.

Later, he attended teacher's college in Adelaide, before spending eight months with Metros Croatia in Canada.

From there he joined Melbourne Croatia and played in its 1978 State League championship-winning side.

After representing Victoria against Wisla Crakow, South Australia, Partizan Belgrade, AEK Athens and New York Cosmos, Banovic decided to step up to the NSL and transferred to Heidelberg-Alexander for \$15,000. Later he also played for Victoria against Red Star, South Australia and AC Milan.

Heidelberg received its \$130,000 for Banovic in five instalments from Derby County. It was the club's first major sale, and it was to be followed by the sale of John Yzendoorn (\$15,000), Gary Cole (\$22,000) and Jim Campbell (\$22,000) among others. Heidelberg certainly has cashed in!



Alan Davidson — Nottingham Forest wants him.

Two Scots seek fame and fortune in Melbourne

\$1000 phone bill to lure Brown

By PAUL MOON

Scottish recruit Brian Brown estimates that Brunswick Juventus spent more than \$1,000 in phone calls persuading him to join the club.

In an interview with "The Weekly News" in Glasgow, just one week before flying to Melbourne, Brown revealed how impressed he was with Juve's affluence.

"They certainly don't appear to be short of a bob or two," enthused the Scot, who according to the newspaper had been promised a "giant" signing-on fee and, if Juventus qualifies

for the NSL play-offs, a holiday in Fiji.

"I had no hope of doing anything like that while with Falkirk," he reflected. "So, I feel it's an opportunity I've simply got to accept."

Indeed, the move to Melbourne could well be the lucky break any player restricted to the Scottish League's more unfashionable corners must dream of.

Although born in Falkirk, Brown joined Dumbarton as a 17-year-old in 1974.

Unfortunately, he could not establish himself at Boghead Park and after only 7 league appearances (4 as substitute), transferred to Falkirk in 1977.

Back in his home town, he quickly cemented a senior team place and was an ever-present for the "Bairns" when they won the 1980-81 Scottish League Second Division Championship.

In the interim, Brown played a major part in Falkirk consolidating its place in the First Division.

A solid, reliable central defender, he also contributes regularly to the goalscorers' list.



Brian Brown

In view of his service (over 200 league games), Falkirk did not stand in the way of Brown when negotiations with Juventus commenced, waiving a transfer fee and insisting only that they get first option should he return to play in Scotland.

After Juve midfielder Robert Cullen, a long time friend, had confirmed what an excellent set-up existed at the club, Brown's eagerness to don the black and white stripes grew and now his only worry is a possible lack of fitness, as Falkirk's season ended in early May.

Once that fitness has been attained, the 27-year-old may provide Juventus with the renewed impetus to be a genuine contender for honors at the season's end.

He did, after all, score in his first game for Juventus.

Stevenson warns NSL defenders!

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Stuart Stevenson isn't overawed at the physical nature of National League soccer. On the contrary. If opposition defenders want to play it rough with Heidelberg Alexander's Scottish striker, they'll find Stevenson capable of giving at least as much as he gets.

"There are quite a lot of elbows flying about but that suits me. I can do that sort of thing too," says the 22-year-old.

Stevenson had a pleasant surprise when he arrived here a few weeks ago to begin his stint with Heidelberg. He's under contract to the club until the end of the 1985 season.

"I never knew until I arrived that Stevie Marley was one of my team-mates," said Stevenson, who lived close to Marley in Glasgow and has been a friend of the Heidelberg player for years.

Both have played with Pol-

lok, one of the top junior clubs in Scotland. Fawcner coach Gus Macleod, Brunswick Juventus striker Joe Sweeney and Melbourne Croatia player Peter Lewis all are ex-Pollok players.

Stevenson played with Pollok last season, alongside former Heidelberg striker Derek Lea, who returned to Scotland at the end of last year.

"Derek told me all about the Australian scene and since coming here, Stevie Marley and Donnie Macleod at Heidelberg have been really good to me. They understand what it's like for a young player to come from overseas and try to get settled here."

It's the second major overseas move he's made. He was spotted by the St Louis coach in an under-17 international tournament in Scotland and



Stuart Stevenson

was offered a scholarship to attend the university of southern Illinois in the U.S.

"The standard was good in the States and everyone was really keen about soccer but I wasn't looked after the way I should have been. I was promised a part-time job but never got one. The scholarship was for four years but I went back to Scotland after two years."

Stevenson then trialed with Scottish clubs Partick Thistle and Motherwell, and Barnsley in England, before signing for Airdrie.

"Things didn't work out at Airdrie. I played only about eight first team games. They managed to stay in the Premier League that season but the directors didn't like me so I was freed."

Stevenson then joined Pol-

lok. Hamilton Academicals, the club Footscray J.U.S.T. star Gary McDowell played for before coming to Australia, and Ayr United, both wanted to sign Stevenson when Heidelberg coach Brian Garvey got in touch with him. Lea's comments about Heidelberg and about Australian soccer prompted Stevenson's move here.

"Brian Garvey didn't do anything special to fit me into the team's style. Anyway I'm not that good in the air and Heidelberg prefers to play the ball into the forward's feet which suits me fine."

"It was a bit difficult fitting in with Steve Winn and Scotty Patterson in my first game. I was making runs and they weren't giving the ball to me but that's just a matter of understanding and getting to know each other. It was a lot better in my second match, against Brisbane City, and I'm sure that we'll develop a good understanding."



Stuart Stevenson is part of the Pollok connection that includes also, from left: Derek Lea who is back in Scotland after playing for Heidelberg, Steve Marley (Heidelberg), Peter Lewis (Melbourne Croatia) and Joe Sweeney (Juventus).



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NSL SPLIT?

Cicolani may try Lazio

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Mario Cicolani could be leaving Fawkner at the end of this season and heading to Italian First Division club Lazio for a trial.

"I'm really curious to find out what it's like in Italy. I've heard so much about the standard there, even of the young players. It's supposed to be tremendous," said the 16-year-old striker.

Cicolani may take to Italy his record scoring feat in the 1984 Armstrong Cup as a reference. He scored five goals against Albion Rovers two months ago.

His first taste of senior soccer at Fawkner was in the 1983 Coppa Italia when he came on as a substitute in the 1-0 win over Brunswick Juventus.

He played for the last 15 minutes of Fawkner's 5-1 State League win against Knox city last month.

"I was really nervous when I came on. I didn't get a touch for about five minutes, which didn't help, but once I got the ball I settled down. Actually, I had a good chance to score but I blew it."

Cicolani, who joined Fawkner last year from Meadow Park, scored seven goals in his first season. He's scored 10 league goals in the reserves this season.

Claude Karlovic coached Cicolani in Fawkner's reserves last year.

"Claude was a good coach. He was really straightforward."

Billy Milne is coaching the reserves this year.

"Billy's really fair, just like Gus Macleod (the first team coach). It's hard for Billy, because players keep coming and going from the seniors but we've got a really good chance now of winning the reserves championship and we're going to have a go at it."

"With Gus, I realise that he's aiming to win State League and to take the club into the National League next season. That's why he's had to pick his best and most experienced players. Even so, guys like me, John Dicecho, Paul Chivale and Frank Sabbatino have been given a go by Gus, which is tremendous."

Cicolani was born in Australia. His parents are Italian and the Cicolani family moved to Italy in 1979. Mario played for Bravetta, a junior club in Rome.

The family returned to Australia in 1979 and Mario joined Meadow Park in 1980, switching from defence to attack. He spent three years there, making his senior debut when he was just 14.

Mario isn't one of many developing players burdened by the pushy parent syndrome.

"My father really encourages me. He's not one of those parents who pushes his son too much. He goes to all my games. Anyway, if he didn't, who else would drive me there?" he quipped.

South Melbourne Hellas will push the National League to run a First and Second Division of 12 clubs each next season.

The First Division would be made up of the strongest six from Melbourne and the strongest six from Sydney.

The Second Division would comprise the rest, from Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Brisbane, Wollongong, Canberra and Newcastle.

Automatic promotion and relegation would apply between the two divisions.

"Travel costs would be covered by the \$20,000 affiliation fee paid by each club," said Hellas president Leo Anezakis.

He estimated that each club in the First Division would be up for only \$16,000 in interstate travel costs for the year.

"Because the league season would be shorter, we could run the National Cup the way it is supposed to be run," Anezakis said.

"We could have a Cup round every two months, for example, and we could run the semi-finals and final at the end of the year, after the league is finished."

The NSL will decide soon how to run the competition next season.

— LAURIE SCHWAB



• Theo Marmaras, the grand old man of Australian soccer, came out of retirement for a rare public appearance when invited to a Press function by Melbourne's NSL clubs last week. Marmaras, former president of the Victorian Soccer Federation and South Melbourne Hellas, and foundation member of both the VSF and ASF, is pictured, seated (centre). Also pictured, from left, standing: John Branov (Preston-Makedonia president), Vince Verduri (Juventus president), Leo Anezakis (Hellas president), Frank Burin (Melbourne Croatia manager), Ziko Karis (Footscray U.S.T. president), seated: Sam Goulopoulos (Heidelberg-Alexander president), Sam Pappas (NSL chairman), Theo Marmaras, Tony Kovac (NSL vice-president), Arnold Langer (Green Gully treasurer). Picture by LEE SHORROCK.

Here we go sacking coaches again

KAT'S CORNER with PETER KATHOLOS



How much should you train? It's a question of vital interest to young and old players, who need also to know how much rest they require between training sessions.

In any sport, you must have hard training sessions where you put all-out effort into your training sessions and where you sweat until you're exhausted.

Then, you need easy sessions where you train at a relaxed pace, for you can benefit from the hard work-outs only if you allow your muscles time to recover.

If the muscles are worked again before they have recovered properly, they will deteriorate.

I'm not trying to set myself up as a coach, but merely to put forward some helpful hints for young players.

Overtraining can be a serious problem because it can cause soreness, stiffness, heavy legs, fatigue and sluggishness.

On the emotional side, you can develop loss of interest and a don't-care attitude, so I suggest that younger players who are doing the right type of training with their clubs, shouldn't do any extra on top of it.

The coaching merry-go-round

It's the time of the year again when clubs not happy with their position

on the ladder, resort to sacking their coaches.

A few weeks ago, Peter Ollerton got the bullet from Makedonia, and now Canterbury-Marrickville has ousted John Xipolitis.

At Makedonia, they have enough good players — Odzakov, Opasinis, Campbell — to be doing a lot better than they are, but reading Ollerton's comments in "Soccer Action" recently, the club's problem becomes crystal-clear.

He said that the Makedonian and British boys at the club don't all get along. Well, when the players themselves have differences, what can the coach do? It's the players who are letting themselves down, and if that's the case, the board should take action to sort it out.

In the case of John Xipolitis,

he was doing a great job with a bunch of youngsters at Canterbury-Marrickville, yet because of one person in the club, he was ousted.

The club lost experienced players like Ross Brown who went to Rockdale Ilinden, Nick Theodorakopoulos who joined Sydney Olympic, and Chris Thannidis who went to Yugal, so Xipolitis had to bring up young players from the Second and Third Grades to fill the gaps and to save money.

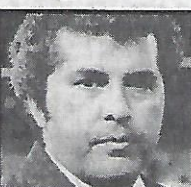
Dounis and Ioannidis from the Sydney Olympic youth team, were Canterbury's only recruits, so I can't understand what the club expected of these young players.

Food for sport

The pre-match meal is a subject of great interest to all players, who put forward all sorts of suggestions, ideas and opinions.

I thought therefore that I'd look into the subject of how much we should eat before a game, what kind of food and how many hours before the match.

I picked up a book by Anthony Miller, director of research, Institute of Sports Medicine, Australia, and he says that it's best to start a game on an empty stomach. He says that if you have a food in your



John Xipolitis

stomach, you'll probably get stomach cramps during play.

He advises that you should allow three to four hours for your stomach to empty before you play a match.

On the subject of what you should eat, Miller says you should satisfy the following requirements:

- The meal should be high in carbohydrates — e.g. bread, spaghetti, potato, fruit;

- It should contain only a small amount of protein-rich food like chicken, steak or eggs;

- You should take three glasses of liquid;

Miller puts forward a recommended pre-match meal of:

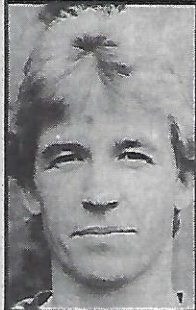
- 1 glass orange juice;
- Cereal with milk; Toast;
- A small amount of potato;
- 2 glasses of water.

This should be taken at least three hours before the game.

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Preston Makedonia must surely have staked a claim for a place in the Guinness Book of Records by becoming the first club to sack its committee before sacking another coach.

The club called an extraordinary general meeting last week in which the whole committee came in for close scrutiny via a completely new election — and four of the members did not survive the ordeal.

Thankfully John Branov, the man who makes Makedonia tick and probably the quietest

Penrith down to 10 men and two hurt

personality in soccer — was re-elected with an overwhelming majority.

And Branov and his new henchmen complied to their members' wishes by placing the onus on the players to perform — threatening wholesale sackings in the team before putting Frank McAleer's coaching position under threat.

With that possibility hanging over their heads, there was a distinct air of edginess in the side's performance in the opening half hour which saw a couple of heated verbal exchanges over passes and failure to support the man on the ball.

But the nervousness wore off once Makedonia had hit three goals in six minutes to virtually end this match as a contest midway through the first half.

And the man who started the onslaught was the player who has come under most scrutiny

by Makedonia supporters — Zarko Ozdakov.

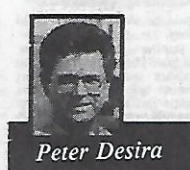
There were taunts of "greedy" in the opening exchanges when Ozdakov was on the ball, trying to take men on, at times unsuccessfully.

But typical of Ozdakov's ability to read situations, he supplied the telling pass for Robbie Dunn with a superb through ball into space which the midfielder controlled well to shoot past Mike Gibson into the far corner of the net.

McAleer has heard the taunts and like me is at a loss to understand why Makedonia's favorite son has had to endure so much pressure from the supporters.

"Maybe they have come to expect too much of him," McAleer said after the game.

That sore point apart, McAleer had reason to be smiling after the game — the first win since he has been in charge — and he was confidently predicting more to come in the next few weeks.



Peter Desira

"Our aim is still to finish in the top five — and it would be a shame if, with the players we've got here, we do not represent Melbourne when the play-offs for the championship come around. We're certainly capable of beating anybody with the talent we have."

The talent he was talking about included three established players in Zoran Illoski, Gordon Flavell and Richard Wilson, all of whom had to content themselves with runs in the youth team's 2-0 win over Juventus in the early game.

Illoski and Flavell are going to find it hard to push their way into the midfield going on the way it played on Sunday.

And that is more so since Dunn, who has been filling in as a stop-gap midfielder, had another brilliant day in which he covered every blade of



Man of the Match:
ROBBIE DUNN
(Makedonia)

grass as well as scoring two goals.

His second came in the 36th minute, sliding in to meet Ljube Petrovski's centre from the right.

Before that Makedonia had shot to a 2-0 lead with a goal by Graham Heys with a goal by George Campbell and was given the time to turn and slot the ball low past Gibson.

George Campbell got Makedonia's fourth right on half time — with all things a header — after Gary Cole had turned the ball back into the area after Claude Lucchesi's cross from the left had eluded everybody.

Willie Wallace made two changes at half time in a bid to arrest Makedonia's superiority but the move backfired when Roy Cotton got injured midway through the second half.

The back injury started off as a twinge but got gradually worse and he had to double over just to ease his breathing as he made his way slowly round the ground into the dressing rooms.

On top of that two other players — Peter Nix (knee) and David Hale (shoulder) — also got injured and ended the match virtually as passengers.

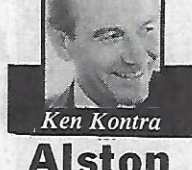
Hale lay motionless for over a minute and got attention from the Makedonia doctor before resuming, holding his arm close to his chest for the rest of the game.

Makedonia rounded off the scoring with two goals in as many minutes in the closing stages of the game.

Heys got his second goal of the afternoon, heading in a cross from the right from substitute Nick Kotovski.

And Ozdakov applied the finishing touch in the 88th minute after the ball had been turned into his path by Dunn.

Apart from that, Makedonia also had a goal by Gary Cole disallowed for offside and Con Opasins hit a pilerider in the final minute which beat Gibson but bounced back into play off the crossbar.



Ken Kontra

Alston plays again

Man of the Match:
SLOBODAN JOVANOVIC
(George Cross)

George Cross 1 Wollongong 1

Scorers: Faulkner 70th, (GX) Fontana 86th (W)
Venue: Chaplin Reserve

Crowd: 1200 approx
Yellow Cards: Kotamanidis, Willis

Red Card: Willis
Referee: Sam Zeumas 6

George Cross could not match its recent good form and was held to a draw by a plucky Wollongong City, in a scrappy encounter, with neither team able to come to grips with the difficult windy conditions.

The home team was guilty particularly in the first half, of kicking high balls forward with a strong following wind. They were easy prey for keeper Ron Tilsed, or were blown over the goal line.

The only excitement in this half came in the 45th minute when Jeff Faulkner ran nearly the full length of the pitch before hitting a low diagonal shot towards Tilsed's goal. Tilsed completely misjudged it but it hit the upright and no damage was done.

In the second half, George Cross played much better against the wind and after a period of pressure, went ahead in the 70th minute.

Slobodan Jovanovic, who was having a fine game in midfield, dribbled his way down to the goal line, his cross found Jeff Faulkner unmarked inside the goal area and he had no trouble heading past Tilsed to put his team one up.

Wollongong's coach, the much-travelled former Soccer Adrian Alston, came on as a substitute, replacing Alex Bundalo in the 75th minute. Noddy, as he was affectionately known in his heyday, is somewhat more copulent than when I last saw him and a yard or two slower, but he produced some deft touches and his presence certainly seemed to lift his side in the closing minutes.

Wollongong midfielder, Peter Willis received his marching orders from referee Sam Zeumas, following his second caution in the 80th minute, and it seemed that George Cross would hang on to the precious two points.

But a lapse in concentration allowed Glen Fontana to collect a long ball, run past a square George Cross defence and hammer the ball past Tom Costello for the equalizer in the 86th minute.

Ossir Latif had a powerful shot brilliantly saved by Tilsed in the last minute of the game.

Rodrigues steals show, Kosmina stays at home!

SM-Hellas 0 SC-Hakoah 0

Venue: Middle Park
Crowd: about 3500
Referee: Stewart Millings 10.

Who's that No. 2... Rodrigues, is it? Never heard of him. Must be an import from South America or Spain, eh? Probably First Division. How come we haven't heard of him?

They're comments typical of those in the crowd that marvelled at Ean Rodrigues, who provided a glimmer of light on a bleak windy day as the two regional league leaders slogged through a tense, stifling scoreless draw at Middle Park.

Rodrigues, 20, came through the Hakoah junior ranks as a midfielder but played at right back against Hellas with so much style, commitment, speed and flair that he earned one of "Soccer Action's" rare 10-ratings.

With Rodrigues stealing the show — a poor show as far as the spectators were concerned but a fierce effort by evenly-matched players — Hakoah recorded a moral victory, as it played without John Kosmina, Gerardo Gomez, Willie Murray and Jim Cant who was injured and replaced by Peter Falconer in the 14th minute.

Kosmina stayed behind in Sydney because, according to coach Eddie Thomson, he was concerned over a death threat received by phone during the week.

Kosmina's wife Judy said she received an anonymous STD call last Thursday night from a man with an Australian accent who said either she or



Laurie Schwab

her husband would be shot if he played in the game in Melbourne.

"Something may or may not happen on Sunday but we're not going to risk it," she said.

According to Mrs Kosmina, some Hellas supporters disliked her husband over an incident involving Alan Davidson who collapsed after being struck behind play during an earlier game between the two sides, which also resulted in a scoreless draw at Middle Park.

With four players missing, Hakoah was there for the taking, but it played with such commitment, and it closed opponents down with such lightning speed, that Hellas was unable to grab the two points, although it had three excellent chances — an early header by Charlie Egan which missed, a shot across goal by Doug Brown, and a shot by Alan Davidson which was saved one-handed by goalkeeper Tony Pezzano.

"If they couldn't beat us today, they'll never beat us," said Hakoah coach Eddie Thomson after the match.

And so Hakoah remained unbeaten for its 10th successive league match, while Hellas stretched its unbeaten run to six league games.

Hakoah has been beaten

Man of the Match:
EAN RODRIGUES
(SC-Hakoah)

only once in the league this season — by APIA 2-1 in the eighth round. Even counting Ampol Cup and National Cup matches, Hakoah has lost only three games this year — the other two being the Ampol Cup final to St. George 3-1, and the National Cup quarter-final to Newcastle-Rosebud 3-0.

Hellas has lost five league games and no Cup games. In fact, Hellas won the Ampol Cup final 3-1 against Melbourne Croatia.

Kosmina's absence, as it turned out, did not slow his pursuit of Gary Cole on the list of all-time top scorers. In fact, Cole did not score at the weekend.

Cole is the all-time top scorer since 1977, with 91 league goals. Kosmina is second with 88 — only three behind.

Both Hellas and Hakoah go into difficult matches this weekend. Hakoah faces Sydney Croatia's star imports Rozic, Jurin and Dragovic, while Hellas meets bogey team West Adelaide Hellas which, although it has been struggling this season, has held an edge over Hellas over the years.

The point dropped against Hakoah, cost Hellas leadership of the National Conference. The new leader is Heidelberg-Alexander which, in beating APIA Leichhardt 1-4, actually increased Hakoah's lead on the Australian



Carl Halford (right) of SM-Hellas clears in front of Hakoah's Grant Lee at Middle Park.

Conference ladder, as APIA is in second place.

Both defences deserve praise for their performance at Middle Park. Kris Kalifatidis, although just back after injury, excelled at left back in probably his best performance of the season for Hellas, and the Hakoah back four played very well as a unit. Usually, opponents rely on cover from the sweeper when they take on Egan and Brown, but the Hiloah defenders simply alternated in their marking and covering duties, with great effect.

But the major feature of the game — to the spectators' detriment — was the closing down of both sides, particularly Hakoah's. Every time a player got the ball, he immediately was confronted by two opponents who prevented the pass from being played. As a result, we had endless pockets of congestion all over the field, with neither side allowed to get the

game moving. Not pretty by any means, but from Hakoah's point of view, eminently effective for I suspect Thomson's men had planned first to nullify Hellas and then to play on the break.

That certainly was the pattern in the second half, when Grant Lee, Paul Kay and Graeme Fletcher streaked away a few times. In one such counter-attack, goalkeeper Peter Laumets raced 20 metres outside his area to cut off Lee and skipped past him and squared the ball into the box where Bobby Russell cleared before Fletcher could do damage.

Brown was prominent in the first 15 minutes, with a shot across goal, and another that just missed after a cross by Carl Halford, but he coped with a knock to the foot which aggravated an injury that almost prevented him from playing in the first place.

A shot by Cant was saved by Laumets before Cant came off with an injured knee and then Egan headed wide from close range after Steve Blair had

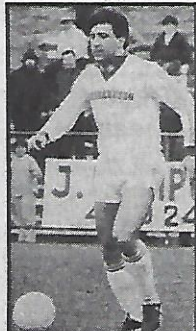
headed on a long throw-in from Kalifatidis.

A good combination between Oscar Grino and Ken Murphy set up Egan just inside the penalty area in the 24th minute, but the chase was lost as Egan stumbled over the ball.

Brown also stumbled in the area, under pressure from an opponent but the video replay showed that referee Stewart Millings was right in not awarding a penalty.

Shots by Brown and, at the other end, by hard-working Murray Barnes, both failed to achieve their aim, and then Rodrigues came to the rescue to stop a dangerous counter-attack featuring Egan and Brown. Egan had aimed a lobbed ball towards Brown, who would have reeled away unmarked had it reached him, but Rodrigues was in the way to intercept.

In the 83rd minute, Egan laid the ball back for that shot by Davidson which Pezzano did so well to touch past for a corner and with five minutes to go, Blair got up in front of Pezzano to back-head an Egan just past the far post.



Hellas's best player, Kris Kalifatidis

Brisbane clubs defended

Heidelberg president Sam Gouloupoulos has attacked his fellow Melbourne NSL clubs in defence of the two Brisbane teams.

"Some Melbourne clubs have been interested in building soccer teams, not clubs," Gouloupoulos said.

City officials had just learned of statements attributed to South Melbourne Hellas president, Leo Anazakis in a Melbourne newspaper calling for the axing of the two Brisbane sides from the 1985 national competition.

Anazakis was quoted as saying if Brisbane was so unconcerned about soccer, "We should leave them — let them die alone."

The Brisbane officials were outraged by the attack.

Gouloupoulos, in Brisbane for the first time in five years, was astounded by Brisbane City's million dollar complex at Spencer Park. The facilities not only include a clubhouse with function rooms, a restaurant and bars, but a grandstand incorporating 14 private boxes.

"The facilities are very impressive. No Melbourne club has anything anywhere near this Brisbane City should be congratulated for spending their money in this way and not on short-term team building," Gouloupoulos said.

That view was also supported by Queensland Soccer Federation officials who have come out in support of the State's two NSL sides amid a growing groundswell for their axing from the NSL.

"It is obvious City and Lions have planned for the long term and any action to take them out of the national competition would destroy the concept of the NSL and its future credibility," QSF secretary Alan Vessey said.

— RICKY ROSSO

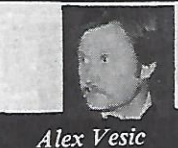
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Depleted Juve wins, thanks to Gary Ward

**Marconi 0
B.U. Juventus 1**

Scorer: Ward 24th
Venue: Marconi Stadium
Marconi's successful run was abruptly ended by Brunswick-Juventus, or more specifically, by Gary Ward's neatly-executed header after 24 minutes of the first half.

And Juventus won despite the absence of John Dowie and Kevin Lloyd (suspended for two weeks) and goalkeeper Sean Keogh (dropped).

Many players in this Juventus outfit could be singled out as good individual performers but it was fitting that John Margaritis felt the same way most did after this four goal contest. "My best player was the man who scored," said a happy Margaritis after the match.

Not only did Ward score that vital goal which took the points to Melbourne, but he also managed to outplay most of the Marconi midfielders in a position almost unsuitable to the big man!

And while Margaritis celebrated under the roof of his hosts' club, Les Scheinflug was a little worse for wear. "It was one of those games when nothing goes right for you. After that fine performance in Canberra we looked set to do better things, but such is football — the worst always comes when least expected."

After some fine performances in recent weeks including that great win over St George, the side came back to earth with a thud.

Marconi looked to be in better touch early in the match, with Rod Brown getting close to scoring in the first minute then McCulloch missing a sitter with his header in the 18th.

For the visitors Andrew Zinni was an inspiration. He almost surprised

Man of the Match:
GARY WARD
(B.U. Juventus)

James in the 11th after combining with Gary Ward and Robert Cullen, then in the 24th he was on the spot again to start the move which gave his side the winning goal. He pushed it down the line for Savas Saglam to cross to the near post and Ward was on the spot to head over James for the only goal of the match.

Savas Saglam almost made it 2-0 with four minutes remaining in the first half when he broke into the penalty area but shot wide.

Then from a counter attack Marconi should have equalised. A cross by David Low found Tommy McCulloch unattended at the far post. Alas, it was the post that stopped the shot.

McCulloch dived and hit an unstoppable header, beating George Martin but not the post. As the ball rebounded off the post it fell in the arms of Martin!

Rod Brown was at the end of some good passes by David Lowe during the second stanza but failed to control the ball at crucial moments. With minutes remaining Zinni broke through yet again. With Cullen free to his left and only one defender to beat, Zinni elected to go on his own and shot hard but not hard enough for James and the chance went begging.

With the seconds ticking away, and Marconi seemingly beaten, McCulloch found a precision pass to roll one to his team mate Lowe. Juventus' defence was exposed and Lowe faced Martin but failed to control McCulloch's pass and the ball rolled away!

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Green Gully returned home with the points because it made the most of limited opportunities and worked hard all afternoon.

Newcastle, on the other

JURIN SAVES CROATIA

**Syd. Croatia 3
AC-Juventus 3**

Scorers: Arnold 19th, Vidaic 23rd, Maxwell 30th, Flounders 46th, Gatenby 57th, Jurin 73rd.

Venue: Marconi Stadium
Crowd: 3234 (double header)

Referee: Peter Rampley 8.

It was the second time this season I had watched Croatia squander an early advantage, but the first time it had to battle for its life after being 2-0 up within quarter of an hour.

Croatia led Penrith 2-0 and 3-1 earlier this year, but despite some fancy football left one point at Cook Park after some incredible sloppiness in the closing stages.

I did not think that a repeat of Croatia's performance against Penrith was possible, at least not in the same season.

Unfortunately for Croatia, lightning did strike twice.

But for Harry Noon, the new man at Croatia, it was the third game without defeat: "One win and two draws, not so bad for a start, and I feel that there is so much talent that by the end of the year we

Man of the Match:
STEVE MAXWELL
(AC-Juventus)

could be much higher," said Noon.

For the visitors it was a gift. Without Melta and Villani the visitors looked doomed, but almost got away with two points on most of the credit must go to hard-working Steve Maxwell as well as Glen Dods. Maxwell scored the goal which started his side on the road to recovery as well as generating most of his side's attacks, while Dods worked tirelessly in midfield, breaking up opponents' attacks one moment, then serving his own attack the next.

For Croatia Bruno Vidaic was outstanding. Vedran Rozic showed some neat touches, and Jurin scored a late equaliser and showed relentless interest in attack.

Rozic, an experienced player, could serve Croatia better in midfield with Lee Sterry at the back, with Marian Kovacic to return at the expense of

Bernie Godzik as another midfielder.

Graham Arnold turned brilliantly in the 19th minute to beat Willie McNally from close range. Then four minutes later, Bruno Vidaic headed wide of McNally to make it 2-0 and for all those at Marconi stadium it looked like a sign of things to come. Croatia was in great touch and for a brief moment it was almost certain that Croatia would over-run its visitors.

Following a corner kick from the right and a goal by Steve Maxwell from an ensuing scramble, Adelaide Juventus got back to within a goal of Croatia but still so far from winning.

The problem with the home side was that it felt now that the game was in the bag.

Then came Neville Flounders with a header, just a minute after the restart from a cross by Shillabeer, to make it 2-2 and suddenly Croatia was in tatters. Nothing seemed sure from then on —



Emil Dragicevic of Dinamo Zagreb — Croatia debut held up by clearance problem.

not even ONE POINT let alone two.

With half an hour of the match to go, Mark Gatenby rose high to head past Steve Watson only to see Drago

Tomasich block the ball on the goal line, and then inexplicably lose it through his legs and into the net to give Juventus of Adelaide a one-goal lead.

Croatia battled hard and long before Zeljko Jurin made his mark, with only minutes left, it was Brett Woods who crossed to the far post for Drago Tomasich to make amends for his earlier mistake. Tomasich headed at the feet of Jurin who planted his shot into the roof of the net to make it 3-3.

Some furious action in the closing stages followed, with Croatia almost snatching a winner.

Graham Arnold had only McNally to beat in the last minute but failed to beat the keeper. The ball bounced off McNally to Jurin but his shot was blocked by a defender, then referee Rampley blew his whistle to end the contest, must to the relief of Juventus.

St George fights back, McGachey goes to midfield

By FRANK PANGALLO

**WA-Hellas 2
St. George 2**

Scorers: M. O'Shea og. 3, Hiern 36 (WA); Ricoy 12, Koczka 39 (St. G.)

Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium.
Crowd: 800.
Referee: Donald Campbell 5.

St George-Budapest had to come from behind twice before forcing a draw against a sloppy West Adelaide Hellas at Hindmarsh Stadium.

St George, with far more experience than Hellas, had most of the play and looked the better team in a poor match.

The Saints should have taken both points but made things difficult for themselves by making two crucial defensive errors.

The first came after only three minutes when Mike O'Shea turned the ball into his own net. But the Saints retrieved the situation within nine minutes through a brilliant

Man of the Match:
BRENTON HIERN
(WA-Hellas)

move started and finished by Pedro Ricoy.

Then, nine minutes from half time, the Saints' defence failed to check Hellas' tall defender Brenton Hiern as he moved behind a wall of players to finish off a lofted free kick.

And again, it took another piece of brilliance for the Saints to restore the status quo. Barton chipped delicately for Stone to sprit through the West defence, then cross to the far post where Koczka threaded a low ground shot through the flailing legs of Hellas defenders.

Every aspect of the match, including the handling by referee Donald Campbell, deteriorated after half time.



John Papazoglou of WA-Hellas leans on St. George 'keeper Warwick Young, as George Konstandopoulos (left) goes to the ball, with Saints' Mike O'Shea in the background. Picture by FRANK HOBBS.

It's bleak at Blacktown

**Blacktown 3
Brisb Lions 4**

Scorers: Larkin 5th, O'Connor 65th, Sandy 89th (BC), Cairney 85th, 86th, Hunter 32nd, Anderson 37th (BL)

Venue: Gabble Stadium

Another defeat and yet another step towards the tail of the table came after the Demons were beaten at the Gabble before the smallest crowd of the season.

For those who had awaited the return of Phil O'Connor, he also will rank as a little disappointment, for O'Connor who was expected to perform short of a miracle to give Blacktown that much-needed edge.

Alas, O'Connor failed to produce the expected magic, the Demons never rose above average and hence the defeat, despite their three-goal tally, with O'Connor netting one and Larkin and Sandy adding one apiece.

So, back to the drawing board for the Demons, the side hailed as the surprise packet of the season not more than two months ago.

For Casey De Bruin, much celebrated coach a little while ago, comes a time of anxiety, with more than just a mere call or two calling for his dismissal.

Such is the luxury of success and the price of defeat for most of the coaches in Australia and it appears that even

Man of the Match:
MIKE QUARMBY
(Blacktown)

at Blacktown one can not enjoy the safety of a "good and patient administration" if there is lack of success.

John Larkin gave the Demons an ideal start after quarter of an hour with Skeltern and Thornthwaite leading a helping hand in the process but the Lions stormed back to score two quick goals just before half time to give the visitors the edge.

Alan Hunter equalised following a free kick by John Stewart and a chip by Cairney in the 32nd. Some five minutes later Barry Hoare failed to hold a free kick by Russell Stewart and Clarke Anderson rushed in to score from close range.

With only quarter of an hour gone in the second half, Anderson took a corner and Cairney added the finishing touch to seal victory for the visitors.

Gary Byrne was given a chance to reduce the margin to one goal after Adam Sandy was upended in the area by Jackson, but his penalty (taken twice) was saved by Farrow only for O'Connor to pick up a rebound and score.

In a hectic final four minutes Lions added another by Cairney while Sandy scored almost at the end to make it 3-4.

NO FRILLS, FEW SKILLS

**Newc Rose 1
Green Gully 2**

Scorers: Williams 19th (GG), Johns 64th (NR), Lewis 69th (GG)

Venue: Blacksmith Park.
Referee: T. Saez 7.

A last minute reshuffling to Blacksmith Park allowed the game to be played after two days of continuous rain turned Adamstown Oval into a quagmire.

Although the surface was

dry, conditions were still atrocious with a gale-force wind which managed to keep all but a band of brave souls away from the game.

What was serving up on the field did nothing to entice those watching. In a typical, lower half of the table clash, the football was hard and uncompromising with no frills and very few skills.

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Newcastle, on the other



Joe Lanzoni

hand, possibly deserved to get something out of the game but no side deserves any sympathy when it concedes two avoidable goals, well taken goals, but still easily avoidable.

Unfortunately the game has progressed to a point where that makes the least mistakes usually wins.

As I mentioned, the Green Gully players worked hard, none more than Man of the Match Jim Williams, who was a constant thorn in the side of the Newcastle defence.

It was Williams who put the visitors ahead when he deceived Quinton Gosling with a long range free kick in the blustery conditions.

Gosling was making a return to the game after missing for several weeks, recovering from an operation to remove a floating bone in his left knee, and apart from that slight incision had a great game and coach Willie Gallagher will sleep more easily now that the young keeper is back.

After Newcastle recovered from the setback it began to put some passes together and with the prospects of playing the second half with the aid of the strong wind and only one goal behind at half time, things looked promising.

In the second half, after Lou Denys had some anxious moments with the wind and the uneven bounce on the

Man of the Match:
JIM WILLIAMS
(Green Gully)

finally equalized when Andy Johns prodded a rebound off the post into the net after Samir Salki and Maier had combined well to make the initial break.

At that stage a Newcastle victory looked a distinct possibility. With John McQuarrie covering every blade of grass and Neville Power controlling the game at the back, a second goal seemed certain.

Then disaster struck. Half time replacement Steve Allen chased a Green Gully player with Paul Lewis hot in pursuit. In trying to let the ball roll over the byline, Allen was dispossessed by Lewis whose first shot was brilliantly saved by Gosling but Lewis made no mistake with the rebound and the visitors were ahead again.

With the smell of victory in their nostrils Green Gully players put more bite into their tackles with Paul Wade and Bobby McGuinness outstanding.

Even the introduction by Gallagher of Derek Todd in place of David Jones, seemed to breach the non-sense Green Gully defence and the visitors were elected when finally the referee called on end to the proceedings.

In his comment after the game Gallagher pointed out that some of his players are jaded. However the lack of depth in the side, aggravated by the suspension of Michael Boogaard, prevents him from

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Zambia wins first leg

Zambia beat Uganda 3-0 (half-time score 1-0) in an African World Cup qualifying first leg first round match in Ndola, Zambia.

Scorers: Fanny Hangunu (45th minute), Lucky Msiska (51st), Kalusha Bwalya (89th). The return match will be



Heidelberg Alexander. Back row: Charlie Yankos, Don Macleod, Steve Winn, Jeff Oliver, Stuart Stevenson, Scott Patterson, Mike Peterson. Front: Theo Selamidis, John Metaxas, Ian McKie, Pashalis Tzintzis, Mike Valentine, Joe Angelo. Picture by CARLOS PICASSO.

Scott Patterson ends APIA's misery

**Heidelberg 1
APIA 0**

Scorer: Patterson 68th.
Venue: Olympic Village.
Crowd: about 1,750
Cautions: Bertogna (APIA), Selamidis (Heid).
Referee: Bambridge 8.

Daylight robbery. That's what happened at Olympic Village last Sunday. No way should Heidelberg have won this one.

APIA Leichhardt blew five clear cut scoring chances, leaving coach Fil Bottalico to muse over what could have been without being any closer to solving the one deficiency that stops APIA from running neck and neck with Sydney Hakoah in the race for the Australian Conference championship.

APIA not only had more of the ball, it used it better. Some of the flowing, interpassing movements involving Peter Tredinnick, Ian Gray and John Bradley were superb but sadly for APIA, Kerry Caban, Rob de Ceglie and Bradley gave one of the most consistently amateurish displays of finishing that I've seen at this level for some time.

Bottalico's been complaining about APIA's inability to convert just one third of its good chances this season. It's still a problem and Bottalico won't solve it on the training track. APIA will have to buy a goalscorer for next season. Provided it wants to try and win the 1985 title.

Heidelberg midfielder Mike Peterson never got into this game. Up front, Scott Patterson, Steve Winn and Stuart Stevenson rarely troubled the APIA defence of Vic Bozanic, Mark Pullen, Arno Bertogna and Mark Brown. Bertogna was superb.

However, Heidelberg did

create the best scoring chance of the opening 20 minutes. Scottish import Stevenson skinned Bozanic down the left then struck the ball low and hard toward the near post only to see Winn sky a first time attempt from six metres.

The first of APIA's glaring misses came in the 36th minute. John Bradley chipped the ball to the far post where de Ceglie, from four metres, headed into the side netting.

Two minutes later, Gray played the ball to Bradley whose shot struck Heidelberg defender Don Macleod and rolled just wide of the near post.

But the best chance of this half came in the 43rd minute. A superb, long, through ball from Tredinnick caught Heidelberg dreadfully square at the back. Bradley broke clear. Rather than slotting the ball, he thumped it at the advancing Oliver, who reacted in a flash, parrying wide. From the ensuing corner, Heidelberg should have paid dearly for its inability to effectively clear.

Gray played the ball back across the face of goal from the right, de Ceglie controlled well and seemed certain to score but his shot was cleared off the line.

Two minutes into the second half, Bradley ballooned a shot from six metres out.

APIA's forwards maintained their blemished record in the 67th minute when Caban sold Charlie Yankos a superb dummy, that sent the Socceroo sweeper the wrong way and opened up the path to goal, but Caban blasted his shot well over.

A minute later, Heidelberg fans were dancing around the pitch, celebrating their side's 1-0 lead.

Scott Patterson's goal was like knifing to death a man on the verge of successfully committing suicide.

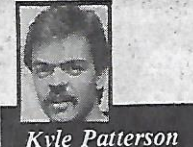


Craig Mackenzie

Man of the Match:
ARNO BERTOOGNA
(APIA-Leich)

Melb. Croatia 2 Syd. Olympiac 1

Venue: Olympic Park, Melbourne.
Crowd: about 2000
Scorers: Biskic (MC) 24th, Patikas (SO) 25th, Markovac (MC) 77th
Cautions: Lambropoulos, Jennings, Phillips, Theodorakopoulos (SO), Antolovic, Cumming (MC).
Referee: Jim Fearn 6.



Kyle Patterson

The "mighty midgets" — Josip Biskic — and Tommy Cumming — hold the key to Melbourne Croatia's aspiration for the National Conference championship.

If they can maintain the brilliant form they displayed in the exciting 2-1 victory over Sydney Olympic, Croatia's dream of becoming the king of Victorian soccer could easily be realised.

It was Biskic's classic wing play and Cumming's leadership in midfield that enabled Croatia to recover from a poor first half and batter Sydney Olympic into submission.

Olympic's coach Manfred Schaefer, in his usual frank style, summed up the match precisely when he said: "Biskic killed us. Everything started with him and in the end a one-goal loss was a good result for us."

Biskic was unstoppable. He thrashed Socceroo left-back Graham Jennings so soundly that the Olympic defender was probably relieved when he departed, due to injury, in the 74th minute.

At the time the score was 1-1, but Schaefer was so worried about his besieged defence that he placed substitute Tony Dakos in the sweeper's position and switched midfielder Gary Phillips to left-back, giving Olympic a five-man defence.

It was not enough, for Robert Markovac scored the winning goal just three minutes later after some unselfish work by Dave Brogan. Cumming was Croatia's

Biskic, Cumming give Schaefer a buzz

powerhouse. In the first half, when Olympic's polished midfielders Peter Katollos and Peter Raskopoulos dominated the game, Cumming set a fine example with some gutsy defensive work and strong dashes forward.

In the second half, after Croatia had realised the folly of allowing Olympic to push the ball around unhindered, Cumming led the midfield assault that overwhelmed the Sydneysiders.

And what an assault it was! Croatia charged out of defence in waves of five and six, displaying fierce commitment and telling speed that devastated the Olympic defence and created countless openings.

Olympic, to its credit, mounted many counter-attacks and as a result there was hardly a dull moment. Without doubt, it was one of the most entertaining games seen in Melbourne this season.

Coach Tony Vrzina rated the second-half performance as Croatia's best since he took over as coach. Although he didn't say so, Vrzina would probably agree the first half was one of the worst.

Croatia was hesitant in the opening 45 minutes, probably due to the fact that its defence was almost completely reorganised from the one that hadn't conceded a goal during the previous five games.

Sean Parton's suspension meant that George Hannah switched to stopper, Drago Deankovic switched flanks to left-back and Peter Lewis played in his natural right-back position after an inauspicious spell in midfield.

Whatever the reason, Croatia failed to push up on Olympic and gave the ball-playing Sydneysiders too much room and too much respect. In this environment, Katollos and Raskopoulos orchestrated play in the midfield and Olympic looked like a first-class combination.

Katollos smashed the ball into the net from 30 metres after seven minutes only to have the goal disallowed for offside, and then Peter Blasby made a marvellous save after Raskopoulos had curled a free kick around the defensive wall.

Against the run of play, Biskic put Croatia into the lead in the 24th minute when his free kick took a wicked deflection off the Olympic defensive wall.

But Croatia was in the lead for less than a minute. From the restart, Marshall Soper eluded Deankovic and crossed hard and high into the middle. Blasby's attempt to grab the cross is best described as unsuccessful, and the ball fell just nicely for Jim Patikas to slam into the net.

The equaliser signalled a period of sustained pressure by Olympic, but as Schaefer lamented afterwards, Olympic's skilled artisans got carried away with holding possession and often went across and backwards rather than forward. It was great to watch, but not always effective.

Nevertheless, Soper and Nick Theodorakopoulos missed good chances that would have given Olympic a deserved half time lead.

Vrzina said he "blasted" his players at half time. The reprimand must have done the trick as Croatia came out of its cautious shell.

Deankovic and Lewis became valuable attackers, Jojo Antolovic and Steve Gojevic followed Cumming's example and harassed their opponents, and Brogan and Markovac slowly turned the tables on Olympic's sturdy central defenders, Mike Coady and Alex Lambropoulos.

But Biskic was the star. He drifted around the halfway line to pick up the ball and then would create havoc down Olympic's flanks.

It seemed only a matter of time before Croatia would rattle in several goals, but it was not to be. A combination of poor finishing and the remarkable Gary Meier kept the score at 1-1.

Then came the winner, from a typically swift Croatia move. Olympic was forced into error and lost possession and Brogan created a valuable opening to squeeze past Lambropoulos. Brogan started on a clear run to goal, but it was Markovac who swooped in.

Brogan gave Markovac right of way and the youngster didn't let his partner down. He coolly rounded Meier and planted the ball in the back of the net.

Hellas protects its good name

South Melbourne Hellas has strongly disassociated itself with any threats reported to have been made against John Kosmina of Sydney City Hakoah.

"This type of thing is no good for soccer and no good for Hellas. It gives both a bad name," said Hellas president Leo Anzakakis.

"We will have to call a meeting of the clubs to protect our good name. We can't stand by and take all

the accusations.

"Any threats which may or may not have been made, have nothing whatsoever to do with our club. 'Nobody connected with Hellas ever has threatened anybody.

"We have a proud tradition of 25 years at the top

of the sport in Australia and all the carry-on directed against us is absurd.

"The club is made up of good people who have done nothing wrong in the game and they certainly were not associated in any way with the alleged threat to Kosmina."

Mengotti strikes, Gilroy stays



Ricky Rosso

**Bris City 2
Melita 1**

Scorers: BC — Glockner 15th, Mengotti 79th; M — McKie 42nd.
Venue: Spencer Park.
Cautions: Liddell (BC).
Referee: Bill Montevarde 8.

Brisbane City coach Joe Gilroy had a written resignation in his coat pocket when his team took on Melita at Spencer Park last weekend.

Gilroy was prepared to submit the resignation had City lost.

But it was with a sign of relief that he was able to discard the letter when his team scored a 2-1 win over the Sydney side.

Gilroy and his team had been under intense pressure from the City supporters after failing to win at home for more than three months, and only once in the past year.

"I had written my resignation the previous night after a lot of thought and would have given it to the directors at full time had we lost," Gilroy said.

"I believe a coach should never lose three games in a row and I have stuck by that principle throughout my coaching career.

"I would not want it to appear that I was deserting a sinking ship but a loss today would have been the third and for the sake of the team it would have been time for me to say I could do no more."

Gilroy has been offered the 1986 coaching position at Spencer Park but has yet to accept the offer.

But he could not hide his admiration for the team after its win and it was obvious that

Man of the Match:
STEVE PERRY
(Brisb. City)

while his principles force him to write on his resignation, his heart was not in it.

"They showed a lot of character today. When Melita scored their equaliser just before half time, we could have given up."

City had gone into the game after a new pre-match preparation that saw the side train on match morning.

If the pre-match training was the reason, City certainly started in sensational style.

Stephen Glockner broke through to score in the 15th minute. The goal came after the former young Socceroo played a series of quick passes through the centre of the Melita defence, then drove a shot low and hard into the far side of the goal.

Steve Perry, the former Socceroo, gave stability to the City defence, and took much of the pressure off big stopper Frank Liddell.

But Perry was involved in the defensive mix-up that gave Melita its equaliser.

Kim Wishart rolled out the ball looking for a touch to enable him to pick it up for the kick. But at the split second he released the ball, Perry turned away.

McKie raced on to the loose ball to slot it into the net only three minutes before the break.

In the second half, Gilroy brought on youngster Frank Mengotti, who had been dropped in the reshuffle and within two minutes he had hit the winner.

City broke quickly and found itself in the fortunate position of having four on two. Hamilton drew the defence and slipped a pass to Glockner. He was so hesitant with his shot and Col McAusland was able to block the attempt. But Mengotti hit the rebound so fiercely that it was in the back of the net before Chris Hummel could react.

Independiente's Cup



Buffarini (left) of Independiente fights for the ball with Paulo Cesar of Gremio in the final of the Libertadores Cup. Independiente won the Cup for the seventh time.

Independiente of Argentina clinched the South American Libertadores Cup with a goalless draw against Holder Gremio of Brazil in the return leg of the final in Buenos Aires. Independiente, which

beat World Club Champion Gremio 1-0 in the first leg in Porto Alegre last week, will now play European champion Liverpool of England for the world club championship in Tokyo in December.

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Will 1968's record ever be equalled?

Quality, enterprise and imaginative administration have long characterised Sydney Hakoah.

Established in 1939 by a group of Jewish refugees from Nazism in Austria and Germany, later joined by equally fanatical soccer lovers from Hungary and Czechoslovakia, Hakoah was named after its famous Viennese namesake.

Hakoah Wien was for many years one of the outstanding soccer teams of the Continent, with many championships and international successes to its credit.

With the flight of European Jewry, the club's traditions spread all over the world, with Hakoah clubs established in North and South America, Asia and Australia.

Hakoah teams have won national championships in the USA and Israel and, of course, Australia.

The Sydney club's humble beginnings, which eventually led to the pinnacle of soccer in this country, were at Rushcutters Bay and Queens Park in the eastern suburbs, where they fielded a team in a business houses competition.

The club was led during these early pioneering days first by Karl Raymond and later by Sigi Dukes.

And who were the members of the first squad in 1939? L. Adler, K. May, A. Ert, A. Landman, A. Hammerman, J. Ackerman, W. Gross, C. May, J. Harris, A. Hillman, P. May, B. Model, D. Meisner and A. Jaffe.

Those were days of struggle and hardship, with most of Hakoah's immigrant players having trouble getting away from their jobs on Saturdays in time for the kick-off.

Hakoah's early activities were nipped in the bud with the outbreak of World War II.

The life and death struggle against the totalitarian menace saw most of the club's members enlist in the armed forces, while the others formed wartime teams in conjunction with local Greek and Italian settlers, playing occasional matches against Australian servicemen's teams.

There was even an international flavor to these fixtures, with several Hakoah players taking part in a memorable match against an accomplished team of Royal Navy crewmen from Britain.

Hakoah was reborn on a properly organised basis after the war, when two teams were entered in the Sydney Metropolitan League.

The new president of the club was Dr G. Goldbert (1946), later succeeded by Hans Klimt, Henry Strykowski and Fritz Weiss.

Successes on the field led to promotion into Second Division, serving first notice on the soccer authorities that Hakoah was to become a power in Aussie soccer.

Being president at that time had its onerous side, such as collecting the dirty gear after each match and taking it home for the club's "first lady" to wash — and there were no washing machines to do the work, either.

But involvement with the club had its rewards too, in the form of companionship and a strong team spirit, which could serve as an example to many of today's pampered stars, here and overseas.

Most of the Hakoah social life centred around a ramshackle room in the back of a private cottage in Penkivil Street, Bondi — a far cry from today's multi-million dollar premises at Hall Street.

Hakoah's successes multiplied on the playing field. Having won Second Division, the Jewish club was promoted into the top grade of the Metropolitan League — followed by the big breakthrough of 1954.

In that year Hakoah was accepted into the Southern League of the NSW Soccer Association and was led into a new era by a new president, Adi Ert.

Unwittingly, the NSW Association also sowed the seeds of its own destruction by this move.

The "establishment" had a tight grip on the administration of the game in NSW, with a strict rule of no promotion from or relegation to the Southern League, which was in effect the Second Division of the State League.

By PETER SCOTT

In 1954 Sydney Austral won the Southern League, followed by Prague in 1955 and finally Hakoah in 1956.

By that time Austral and Prague were, somewhat begrudgingly, accepted into the State League.

Hakoah trounced Manly 5-0 in the Southern League grand final but was denied the opportunity to advance into the higher grade.

Incensed by the Association's decision, Hakoah president Walter Sternberg and other leading members of the Blue-and-White outfit were instrumental in the formation of the breakaway NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs, which revolutionised the game in Australia.

Those were heady days, with Hakoah hitting the front from the start by winning the pre-season Kennard Cup competition (later to become the Ampol Cup) in 1957.

Honor followed honor from then on, Hakoah capturing the Ampol Cup, Federation Cup, premierships and championships, Interstate Ampol Cup, two Australian Cup competitions and the State Cup through the years.

Its greatest achievement was in 1968, when the Jewish club set a record which will be hard to equal.

In that memorable 1968 season Hakoah won every trophy for which it competed — the Ampol Cup, the Interstate Ampol Cup, league premiership, league championship and the Australia Cup.

For good measure, the Australia Cup final was fought out against Melbourne Hakoah, keeping the affair "in the family".

The stars of Hakoah's magnificent 1968 achievements were: Ian Hillsdon, Alan Marnoch, Ray Baartz, Peter Fuzes and Robert Fekete.

They were capped by their triumphs by former English international Doug Holden, who was earlier a brilliant left-winger with Hakoah.

The quality of that team was the natural succession to the standards set from the late fifties.

While Hakoah was formed as a vehicle for providing an outlet for the sport instincts of young Jews in Sydney, with characteristic single-mindedness the Blues' leadership set about building a top flight professional team as they advanced up the ladder of success.

Walter Sternberg, Ben Nathan, Karl Rodny, Maurice Pozniak and Sam Fisman were the men at the helm during these years of triumph and constant struggle to improve.

Under Sternberg's guidance the foundations were laid for the greatest boom in Australian soccer, when — in association with Prague and Sydney Austral — a group of brilliant professional soccer players were enticed from Austria, Holland and Israel to play with the Sydney clubs.

These actions led to Australia's suspension from FIFA but also launched the greatest boom soccer has ever had — or is likely to have — in this land.

Tens of thousands flocked to first-class matches each week, attendance records were broken with monotonous regularity and on one memorable occasion a floodlit Ampol Cup double-header in Sydney saw some two dozen first division European players paraded by the four teams between them.

Hakoah was in the thick of things, fielding in 1961 and 1962 what was arguably the best club side yet seen in Australia.

It included Scottish World Cup star Jock Aird, Austrian ball artists such as Victor Mach, Heinz Wenzl, Adolf Blutsch, Peter Hrnclir and Karl Jaros, brilliant Israelis Rafi Levy and Gerry Chaldi, one of the best Australian players ever produced in Ray "Whoopee" Neal and the unsung but nonetheless first rate half back, New Zealand international Ron Kearns.

And there were more to come through the years, such as Heinz Dolezal from Austria, Matt Woods from the English First Division, Leo Baumgartner and Herb Ninaus who transferred to the Blues after first making their mark with Prague.

In an outward-looking policy, Hakoah also established strong links with our neighbours in New Caledonia, paying two visits to the French Island

and bringing over two of their players, Mark Biciw and Marcel Ataua, to improve their soccer by playing against Australia's very best.

Ataua, in particular, performed well, becoming a reliable member of the all-conquering 1968 squad.

One shouldn't forget big Billy Hume from New Zealand, or former British stars Trevor and David Edwards. Then there was Scottish striker Jim Christie and Brazilian wizard Aggie Muniz.

The list is almost endless.

While by this time the original ideal of an all-Jewish team was an impossibility, several outstanding Jewish players — apart from the two Israelis — played in Hakoah colors.

Former Hungarian First Division star with MTK Budapest, Jules Forgacs, played a prominent part in early Federation successes.

On the other hand Peter Fuzes and Robert Fekete came to prominence through the club's junior ranks.

Fuzes went on to become Australia's goalkeeper against Scotland in the late sixties, but the undoubted favourite of Hakoah fans was — and still remains to this day — Robert Fekete.

Quiet and unassuming, he virtually had to be pushed into the first team, taking the place of the great Leo Baumgartner, but then went on to a long and distinguished career which was prematurely ended by an accident at work.

Prominent and capable coaches were in charge of Hakoah's efforts through the years, such as the first full-time manager ever to be employed by an Australian club, Jack Gibbons, George Azzopardi, Australia's first World Cup supreme Tiko Jelissavcic, the earlier mentioned Doug Holden, Karl Jaros and Matt Woods, to name some of them.

In later times, the coaching position was surrounded by considerable controversy until Eddie Thomson stabilised it in 1980, winning the NSL championship in his first three years as coach.

Dave MacLaren, later with South Melbourne Hellas, chalked up great successes, like the 1974 NSW premiership (World Cup star Jimmy Mackay played for Hakoah that year) but they were interspersed by failures, which Hakoah's flicky fans always found hard to tolerate.

Gerry Chaldi took over the reins in mid-1976 after returning from Israel, and almost immediately transformed a struggling and dispirited team into one that won the State Cup. Under his judicious coaching, Hakoah won the inaugural NSL championship in 1977, finished runner-up the following year and captured the top four cup in 1978.

Chaldi left the club to join West Adelaide Hellas in 1980, and so Thomson was elevated to the position of coach. He played as well at first, but then decided to concentrate only on coaching — with spectacular results.



Sydney Hakoah's 1961 team, perhaps the finest yet seen in Australian soccer, from left: Gerry Lissing (mascot), G. Chaldi, H. Wenzl, B. Blutsch, J. Aird, A. Handorf, W. Mach, R. Levy, R. Kearns, P. Hrnclir, K. Jaros, R. Neal.



By CRAIG MACKENZIE

"I like cocky people, provided they can do it. Cocky players can play anywhere, under any conditions and get results if they've got what it takes," says Sydney City Hakoah coach Eddie Thomson, as he eyes his club's fifth National League championship since 1977.

Hakoah certainly has what it takes. Its 1982 championship winning margin of nine points is the record winning margin in the NSL. Hakoah is out to eclipse that this year.

Being confident to the point of cockiness is an important part of the team spirit at Hakoah. The players have the "eye of the tiger."

"It's amazing, you know, to watch the other teams fall apart

when we're cocky. I often tell the lads before they go out onto the pitch not to talk to their mates in the other team, to just walk right past them and not to acknowledge them at all. It's just a wee play, to unsettle the opposition and you want to see how the opposition players react. You can hear them talking about it, saying that our players are drugged and things like that. It's a scream at times, it really is."

"I'd love to win the championship by more than nine points. You still have people in Australian soccer who keep trying to find flaws in me and Sydney City Hakoah. There still are those who say that we buy success, which is ridiculous. John Kosmina is the only player in our current first team squad who's cost as big money."

"The people who knock us just make us keener than ever to win the championship."

"I'm sure that we would have won the title last year had we not had so much trouble off the field," said Thomson, referring to the cash crisis which threatened the club's existence and forced a committee change.

"Usually we fix up all our contracts for the following season well before the current season ends. We didn't do that last year."

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Sydney City Hakoah, from left, standing: Peter Falconer, Alex Bottalico, Tony Pezzano, Graeme Fletcher, Paul Kay, Jean-Paul deMarigny, Jim Cant. Front: Steve O'Connor, Ean Rodrigues, Grant Leo, Joe Watson, Murray Barnes, Alex Robertson. Missing: John Kosmina, Willie Murray, Gerardo Gomez. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Eye of the tiger makes opponents fall apart

Consequently, seven first team players hadn't signed contracts for this season when the Ampol Cup was held in February. They were tagged 'wells' by the Press as speculation mounted over their futures with the club. The players in dispute still tied with us and I tried to make that they didn't miss out from the fitness of the lads in the Ampol Cup. I was slightly annoyed that one of the lads in dispute was pushing it a wee bit in terms of what they wanted to do when the club's money situation was well known, but the thing was sorted out and we were able to get on with the business of trying to win the trophy.

Tomson's first team squad numbers 17. Let's see how he assesses his players:

DON PEZZANO (goalkeeper): "Used to be so excitable. A cat on a hot tin roof at times, but he's slowed right down. He's a lot calmer, much more confident now. Good in the air and a good talker."

DDD CLARKE (goalkeeper): "10 years ago he was the best goalkeeper in Australia. He still could be, he's got a very good job now his mind is divided between job and soccer. He's still as fit as any keeper in the league."

He's tremendous with cross balls and is a very good organiser."

EAN RODRIGUES (defender): "Very, very quick. Lacks experience, of course, but his distribution isn't bad and he's got a big future."

JEAN-PAUL DE MARIGNY (defender): "Very similar to Rodrigues. Actually both these lads could develop into fine full backs."

JIM CANT (defender or midfielder): "Tremendous reader of the game. Not the quickest player around and not the most polished but all the gaps that open up, Jim can fill them. A great player to have in your squad."

GERARDO GOMEZ (defender): "In a year's time, this boy will be the best centre-half in Australia. He's fit, he's tough, and he's quick. Lacks a wee bit on passing. That's something he must work on. But what a future he's got."

STEVE O'CONNOR (defender): "Magic in the air and tough in the tackle. He really toughens up our defence. Sometimes he tries to play too much football at the back and that's something I've got to keep getting onto him about. But he's a really uncompromising defender."

ALEX ROBERTSON (defender): "The best sweeper in Australia by a country mile! He's magic in one-on-one situations, he's a great passer of the ball, and he's a very intelligent player. He also gives good cover."

KEITH FALCONER (defender): "Joined us from Manly this year along with his brother, Peter. Keith still is adjusting to the National League. He's a tremendous tackler. We're working on building up his pace."

PAUL KAY (midfielder): "The Roadrunner. He's got incredible stamina. He gets all over the field. He's your ideal player — always available. The one thing about Paul that I'd like to see improve, is his finishing."

JOE WATSON (midfielder): "What can you say about the wee man? He's got eyes in the back of his head. A great competitor, even at training. A real pro."

MURRAY BARNES (midfielder): "Such a steady player. Never brilliant, never bad. Gets forward into great scoring positions and you'll never find a more honest player than Murray. He's brave too. He gets in where the boots are flying."

PETER FALCONER: "I'm grooming him to take over from Joe Watson, when the wee man eventually gives it away. I'd like to see Peter getting more involved in matches but he's going

to be a tremendous player."

GRANT LEE (forward): "If he ever realises his full potential, you'll see the best winger you've ever seen in this country. He's a bit of a dreamer. He ball watches at times but he's very quick and he's got a good shot with either foot. He's really kicked on this year."

WILLIE MURRAY (forward): "A typical, old-fashioned Scottish winger who loves to take on opponents and a super crosser of the ball."

JOHN KOSMINA (forward): "Every coach's ideal striker. The best target man I've seen in Australian soccer. He's very aggressive, strong and really attacks the ball when it comes across the box. He gets kicked all over the place but you'll never hear him complain. How often do you see the trainer run onto the ground to attend to John Kosmina? John's got a great appetite for the game and for scoring goals."

GRAEME FLETCHER (forward): "He's got the uncanny knack of turning opponents, then heading straight for goal. That's unusual in Australian soccer. You see lots of players turning opponents, then heading off wide or cutting inside, but Graeme's very, very direct. He's quick too and whenever he gets a look at the goals he has a go."



More 'Roos than any other club

Sydney City Hakoah has had more Australian internationals over the years than any other club. Hakoah has had 36. Next comes St. George Budapest with 24.

The following internationals have played for Hakoah. Figures after their names denote: number of matches for the Socceroos, number of full internationals, goals scored for Australia and, where applicable, number of national B team appearances:

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| <p>J. Kosmina 66/38/29</p> <p>R. Baartz 59/49/21</p> <p>J. Mackay 52/31/5</p> <p>M. Barnes 49/30/9</p> <p>A. Muniz 36/18/1</p> <p>T. Clarke 34/18</p> <p>J. Watkiss 31/23/4</p> <p>K. Boden 25/13/7</p> <p>E. Campbell 24/15/3</p> <p>S. O'Connor 22/8/3</p> <p>D. Mitchell 21/12/9</p> <p>J. Watson 19/8/1</p> <p>A. Marnoch 14/14</p> <p>J. Cant 14/6/3</p> <p>D. Yaager 11/2</p> <p>K. Mullen 8/3</p> <p>D. Walsh 8/7</p> <p>P. Kay 7/2/4</p> | <p>W. Rutherford 6/6/1</p> <p>G. Lee 3/2</p> <p>G. Ahearn 3/2</p> <p>J. Spanos 3/1/1</p> <p>J. Patikas 2/1/1/7B</p> <p>J. Stevenson 2/0</p> <p>H. Nienaus 2/0/3</p> <p>P. Fuzes 2/2</p> <p>D. Keddie 2/0/3</p> <p>T. Pezzano 2/0</p> <p>I. Souness 1/0</p> <p>H. Silva 1/0</p> <p>L. Baumgartner 1/0</p> <p>A. Robertson 1/0/1B</p> <p>P. Hrnclir 1/0</p> <p>K. Jaros 1/0</p> <p>G. Barnett 1/0</p> <p>D. Holden 1/0</p> |
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Sydney City Hakoah's honors:

NSL CHAMPIONSHIPS: 1977, 80, 81, 82.

NSL TOP FOUR WINNER: 1978, 79.

NSW PREMIERSHIPS: 1968, 70, 71, 73, 74.

NSW GRAND FINALS: 1961, 62, 66, 68.

NSW STATE CUPS: 1971, 76.

AUSTRALIA CUPS: 1965, 68.

FEDERATION CUPS: 1959, 61, 63, 65.

NSW AMPOL CUPS: 1957, 68, 73, 79.

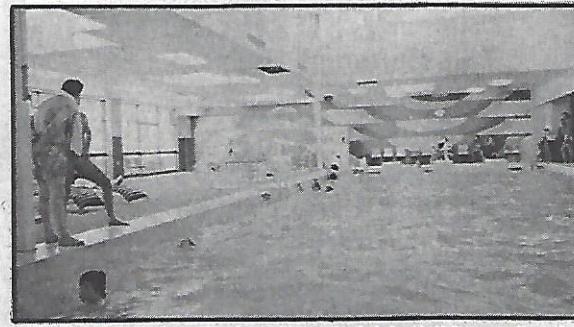


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The heated pool at the plush Hakoah club in Hall Street, Bondi

SYDNEY CITY

INTER OR ILINDEN?

Following Sutherland's demise against Ku-Ring-Gai at Parklands, the NSW State League Premiership has turned into a two-horse race with Inter Monaro and Rockdale Ilinden battling it out.

Inter Monaro took some time before getting down to business against Canterbury at Arlington Oval last Saturday, while Rockdale Ilinden took the points against Bankstown but was far from impressive.

However, as often happens, those who take points are not particularly impressive, are those who walk tall at the end of the season.

Sutherland, which beat Ku-Ring-Gai at Parklands, had the scores reversed on this occasion with the Chasers becoming the giant killers of State League. In the last five rounds, Ku-Ring-Gai has taken a point from Manly (1-1), one from Auburn (1-1), one from Inter (1-1) and both points from Sutherland (1-0) — an impressive list of results for a side that languished near the foot of the table not so long ago.

Guess what? This week Ku-Ring-Gai plays Rockdale Ilinden at Hurstville Oval, with Ilinden starting favourite. Ku-Ring-Gai has suffered one defeat in its last 10 outings while Ilinden has an even better record with just one defeat from its last 12 matches.

With only four rounds to go, it must have been bitterly disappointing for Sutherland to lose to Ku-Ring-Gai. Only two points off the lead and with a favourable draw in the last few matches it looked odds-on that Sutherland would give this premiership a good shake. Instead, it was the Chasers who knocked the stuffing out of the Sharks at Parklands and almost ended all chances Sutherland has of taking out this year's premiership.

Canterbury 0 Inter Monaro 4

Scorers: 43rd Monterosso, 46th Giampaolo, 70th Valeri, 85th Colbertaldo.

Canterbury held Inter Monaro on a slippery surface at Arlington Oval for almost the entire first half, but fell behind after an error by its keeper, well exploited by Monterosso, who ran in to chip Philippou and give his side much-needed breathing space.

Sebastian Giampaolo turned on a magical display a minute into the second half, waltzing past a few defenders, before scoring his side's second goal. From then on it was one-way traffic with Monaro adding further goals through Walter Valeri and a brilliant volley by Colbertaldo.

Only one stumbling block seems to be in the way of Monaro now. Rockdale Ilinden, one point behind Monaro, will travel to Queenbeyan in two weeks time to compete in the match of the year. Monaro has to face Manly Warringah at Cromer the following Sunday, but should it defeat Rockdale, the premiership race will be over.

And that would be a great credit to all the Monaro players and to coach Vic Fernandez, but also to the club's hard working president, Laurie Pastrello.

Ambrosino, Farrell, Willox, Valeri, Giampaolo, Brennan, Hocking all are worthy of a National League status.

A few weeks ago, Inter Monaro was given the go-ahead by its local council to enlarge its ground and

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improve the facilities at Marco Polo with major improvements to the club house.

It is an ambitious project, but Mr. Pastrello is confident that the club will not only succeed in its drive to better its facilities but also in its drive to play in the NSL next year.

"I am sure that we are a better side than Canberra," said Mr. Pastrello.

With a number of sponsors already committed to the club Ready-mix is one of the largest. Inter Monaro looks set for the big time.

Bankstown 1 Rockdale 3

Scorers: Brown Pen 6th, 22nd, Karanfilovski 76th, Parker 57th. Venue: Jensen Oval.

The boot of Ross Brown, the State League's top scorer was the difference between these sides at Jensen Oval. He scored from the spot early in the match then added another after 20 minutes to give Rockdale its winning margin.

Bankstown hit back and for a brief 20-minute spell in the second half looked capable of getting a point. Parker reduced Ilinden's lead during that period, but as hard as Bankstown tried no more goals came with Branko Karanfilovski making sure of the points for the visitors with 14 minutes remaining.

Rockdale was far from impressive but always was the better side, with Sla-

veski, Nasteovski and Jones directing traffic for and Genc and Favela having more than a fair share of their own say in this match.

Paul Degney has given Rockdale stability at the back while Ross Brown has cleared away from Walter Valeri at the top of the scoring charts. Brown almost has scored half of his side's 36 goals and should finish the season with almost 20 goals — a fine effort indeed.

Branko Karanfilovski, in and out of the side for most of the year, is playing well below his best and must be a worry to coach Ilija Takac with the game against Inter Monaro at Queenbeyan only 10 days away.

Rockdale will play for far more than just two points when it meets Inter Monaro at Marco Polo. Its dream of joining the elite of the National League can be realised with the club's administration hard at work to convince the local council to approve plans for building a soccer ground in the area. Chances are that the council will give the thumbs-up sign.

Ku-Ring-Gai 1 Sutherland 0

Scorer: Jeffery 65th. Venue: Parklands Oval.

On a windswept Parklands Oval, Ku-Ring-Gai surprised by beating one of the League's better outfits with a goal by Glen Jeffery in the 65th minute.

It is appropriate to report here that Jeffery

was also the scorer of Ku-Ring-gai's goals the previous week and not Craig Bass, as we reported.

This was an even match with few chances created and with Ku-Ring-Gai scoring twice. However one of the goals, by Leigh Watson in the 80th, was disallowed.

Ku-Ring-Gai went ahead with a 65th minute goal by Jeffery. A Sutherland defender made a meal of a simple clearance and was beaten to the ball by Andy Tracey who cut it back for Jeffery to score.

Tracey and John Stoddart were among the stars of this match. Not too long ago, they were playing alongside each other for Riverwood but here they were pitted against each other. They are both fine players, skilful and with excellent vision.

Leigh Watson for Ku-Ring-Gai and Keith Schumann for Sutherland denied across to one and all while Jeffery and Bass looked just a shade sharper than their Sutherland counterparts, a problem still not overcome by the Sharks.

Sutherland did come close to scoring. A shot by Nelson in the 24th was just held by Prentice, then, with minutes ticking away in this half, it was Mark Hargraves who almost beat Prentice with a header.

Soon after the interval, Rogers shot wide, then Keith Schumann charged upfield but shot over the bar.

For Kuringai, Bertram and Jeffery came close to scoring in the opening 10 minutes, while Jeffery almost scored his second in the 84th minute but with time and space he shot weakly.

STATE LEAGUE STANDINGS

| | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---------------------|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| INTER MONARO..... | 11 | 5 | 2 | 55 | 21 | 27 |
| ROCKDALE..... | 11 | 4 | 3 | 36 | 19 | 26 |
| MANLY WARR..... | 8 | 7 | 2 | 31 | 11 | 23 |
| SUTHERLAND..... | 9 | 5 | 4 | 28 | 15 | 23 |
| AUBURN URUGUAY..... | 6 | 7 | 5 | 15 | 14 | 19 |
| KU-RING-GAI..... | 5 | 7 | 6 | 22 | 17 | 17 |
| Polonia..... | 5 | 5 | 7 | 17 | 23 | 15 |
| Canterbury..... | 5 | 5 | 8 | 18 | 34 | 15 |
| Avala..... | 4 | 5 | 8 | 24 | 36 | 13 |
| Yugal..... | 3 | 5 | 9 | 24 | 27 | 11 |
| Bankstown..... | 3 | 5 | 10 | 17 | 42 | 11 |
| Narabeen..... | 3 | 4 | 10 | 18 | 55 | 10 |

TOP SCORERS

15 Ross Brown (RI)
14 W. Valeri (IM)
9 Giampaolo (IM), Leak, Holloway (MW), O'Shane (Aub)
8 Milne (Av), Jeffery (K)
7 Groom (SL), Josic (Y)
6 Willox (IM), Stuart (MW), Sobczyk (P)
5 Budini (Av), Dounis (CM), Jones (RI), McGrath (Y), Colbertaldo (IM)
4 Hassan (B), Karanfilovski (RI), Bullock, Sandtrner (N).

THIS WEEK

Saturday
At Knight Park: Avala v Yugal
Sunday

At Cromer Park: Manly v Canterbury
At Mona Park: Auburn v Narabeen
At Seymour Shaw: Sutherland v Polonia
At Hurstville Oval: Rockdale v Ku-Ring-Gai
At Jensen Oval: Bankstown v Inter Monaro

CANTERBURY 0 INTER MONARO 4 (Monterosso 43rd, Giampaolo 46th, Valeri 70th, Colbertaldo 85th) at Arlington Oval.

CANTERBURY: P. Philippou 6. — Antonopoulos 6, Efimiades 7, Laws 7, Hantzis 6. — Titilas 5 (Hall 60th — 8), Petas 5, Anagnostopoulos 6 (Fternatis 70th). — Vassilou 5, Dounis 6, Andreou 5.

INTER MONARO: Hocking 7. — Domszetic 7, Ambrosino 8, Santolin 8, Williams 7. — Farrell 7, Willox 7, Monterosso 7 (Wilke 80th). — Valeri 8, Colbertaldo 7, Giampaolo 9.

KU-RING-GAI 1 (Jeffery 65th) SUTHERLAND 0 at Parklands.

KU-RING-GAI: Prentice 7. — Bennett 7, Watson 8, Bertram 7, Jesse 7, Quigley 7, Bourke 8, Harper 6 (75th Williamson, Tracey 8 Jeffery 8, Bass 7).

SUTHERLAND: Dart 7. — Hesford 6, Schumann 8, Dalferno 7, Nelson 6. — Webber 6, Rogers 7 (Harrington 70th), Stoddart 8, Groomie 8. — Gray 7, Hargraves 6 (Watkins 80th).

BANKSTOWN 1 (Parker 57th) ROCKDALE ILINDEN 3 (Brown Pen 6th, Brown 22nd, Karanfilovski 76th) at Jensen Oval.

BANKSTOWN NATIONAL: Lohman 7. — Agostino 6 (Kennedy 82nd), Ishmail 7, Coates 7, Blackburn 8. — Dolton 6, Genc 8, Apelian 6 (Pavala 46th — 8), Hassan 6, El Housseini 6, Parker 7.

ROCKDALE: Smith, Degney, Pilovski, D. Wilson, G. Wilson, Slavski, Nasteovski, Jones. — Trajanovski, Brown, Karanfilovski. (No ratings available).

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By winning Sunday's battle at Smith Reserve, Fawkner will rekindle its title hopes and end Western Suburbs' plan of sneaking into the top four.

Losses suffered by Fawkner, Box Hill and Polonia last weekend have made Jimmy Dunne's Morwell Falcons championship favorites but there's still a long way to go and Dunne isn't getting carried away by his men's two-point cushion at the top.

Nevertheless, if Ian Stinton

Buffalo State League Ladder

| | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-------------------|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| MORWELL F..... | 11 | 6 | 1 | 32 | 10 | 28 |
| FAWKNER..... | 11 | 4 | 3 | 46 | 26 | 25 |
| POLONIA..... | 10 | 5 | 3 | 40 | 23 | 25 |
| BOX HILL..... | 9 | 7 | 2 | 33 | 19 | 25 |
| West Suburbs..... | 9 | 4 | 5 | 35 | 32 | 22 |
| Northcote..... | 9 | 1 | 8 | 38 | 29 | 19 |
| Albion R..... | 6 | 6 | 5 | 16 | 19 | 18 |
| Croydon..... | 7 | 2 | 8 | 21 | 26 | 16 |
| F'ston Pines..... | 4 | 7 | 7 | 20 | 28 | 15 |
| Wilhelmina..... | 4 | 6 | 7 | 26 | 29 | 14 |
| Knox..... | 4 | 4 | 10 | 25 | 42 | 12 |
| St Albans..... | 2 | 7 | 9 | 22 | 36 | 11 |
| Broadmeadows..... | 4 | 1 | 13 | 15 | 36 | 9 |
| Doveton..... | 2 | 4 | 11 | 14 | 29 | 8 |

MORWELL FALCONS 2 (Stinton 10th, 30th) POLONIA 0 at North Crinigan Reserve, Saturday.

MORWELL FALCONS: Whiteside 9 — Higham 7, Burns 7, Clarke 7 (inj), Webster 46th, 61, Train 7 — Bingham 7, Moore 7, MacLean 8, O'Callaghan 7 — Stinton 8, Athersych 6, Coach: Jimmy Dunne.
POLONIA: Lukac 6 — Mila 7 — Uplarski 7, McCluskey 6, Innes 6, Smolarek 6 — Mitten 6, Tront 6, G. Czarnik 7 — Gilder 7, Petrov 6 (Przybyla 60th), Coach: John Gardiner.
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Whiteside (MF), 2. Stinton (MF), 1. Tront (Pol).

ALBION ROVERS 1 (Robertson 87th) BOX HILL 0 at Solwyn Park, Saturday.

ALBION ROVERS: Bryden 9 — Galea 8, D'Sylva 7, Gilmour 7, Douglas 8 — Purcell 7, Reilly 8, MacMorrow 7, Alfonso 7 (Rodriguez 7) — Bouzas 8, Robertson 7, Coach: Billy McIntyre.
BOX HILL: McKinley 7 — I. Roodhouse 8, Brooks 8, Hennessey 6 (sent off 65th), Davidson 7 — Hughes 8 (White 75th), Valentine 8, Azopardi 7 — Keenan 6, Verechia 7 (inj), Taylor 46th, 71, Priestley 6, Coach: Bill Murray.
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Bryden (Albion), 2. Valentine (Box Hill), 1. Galea (Albion).

BROADMEADOWS 4 (Watson 35th, Stoikos 51st, Campbell 72nd, Horvath 78th) FRANKSTON PINES 1 (Cullen 25th) at Laura Douglas Reserve, Saturday.

BROADMEADOWS: Grech 7 — Smart 7, Donaldson 7, Daniels 7, Desai 7 — Blair 8, Horvath 8, Watson 8 — Vaccaro 7, Simic 7, Stoikos 7 (Campbell 70th), Coach: Jim McIntyre.
FRANKSTON PINES: Stutchbury 4 — Thurlow 5, Livingstone 5 (Thomas 60th), Wilson 5, Ferris 4 — Cooke 6, Cullen 8, Beech 5 — Dick 6, Ross 6, Cummings 6, Coach: Danny McMinimiee.
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Watson (Broad), 2. Cullen (Pines), 1. Blair (Broad).

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 2 (Storm penalty 20th, Warszawski 67th) KNOX CITY 1 (House penalty 25th) at Jubilee Park, Sunday.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Lee 8 — Corke 7, Haupt 8, Murray 7, Vermeire 7 — Shannon 7, Storm 7, Burton 8, Stewart — Warszawski 7, Lange 6, Coach: Cor Teeuw.
KNOX CITY: Brian 7 — Smith 6, Bisinger 6, Dixon 7, Leslie 6 — Gerrish 6, Bryden 5, Wild 7, Masters 6 — Kojic 5 (Owen 75th), House 7, Coach: Eric Leslie.
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Burton (Wilhelmina), 2. Haupt (Wilhelmina), 1. Lee (Wilhelmina).

WESTERN SUBURBS 2 (Lazopoulos 35th, 53rd) ST ALBANS DINAMO 1 (Culina 15th) at Ralph Reserve, Sunday.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Hunter 7 — Hamill 8, Dimovski 7, Howe 7, Lekkas 7 — Hristodoulos 7, Esposito 7, Lazopoulos 9, Dilbert 7 (Constantinidis 87th), Coyle 7, Coach: Jimmy Dunne.
ST ALBANS DINAMO: Dabuljeh 8 — Nobilo 6, Radman 6, Bozic 6, Brkicic 6 — Dula 6 (Mecanovic 65th), Batnovic 7, Ratsocic 6 (Kustura 80th) — Culina 6, Bruno 5, Morovic 6, Coach: Pero Kasalo.
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Lazopoulos (WS), 2. Hamill (WS), 1. Müssel (WS).

NORTHCOLE 3 (Dionisopoulos 15th, Quigley 36th, Bekiaris 55th) FAWKNER 2 (Lia 80th, Tuffield 90th) at John Cain Reserve, Sunday.

NORTHCOLE: Gianopoulos 8 — Patinotis 7, Katsakidis 6, Bozakis 7, Mihos 8 — Wright 7, Quigley 8, Toro 6 — Dionisopoulos 7 (inj), Bekiaris 52nd, 61, Constantinou 5, Micevasi 5, Coach: Jimmy Pyrgios.
FAWKNER: Costa 6 — McKinley 6, Fattore 6, Angele 6, Palmariotou 6 (Santopoli 75th) — Cavalli 6, Bannan 6, Garvey 7 — Palukas 5 (Lia 65th), Tuffield 7, Cozzella 7, Coach: Gus Macleod.
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Quigley (North), 2. Gianopoulos (North), 1. Mihos (North).

SCHIPANO AWARD

Schipano Home Furnishers are sponsoring our 1984 State League Player of the Year award.

The winner receives \$1000 worth of furniture of his choice. Votes are cast on a 3-2-1 basis for each league game. In the event of a tie, the player making the least number of appearances will be declared the winner.

Leading votegeters:

- 22 — Smith (Box Hill)
- 18 — Lazopoulos (WS)
- 17 — MacLean (Morwell), Stenson (WS)
- 17 — Tuffield (Fawk), Quigley (North), Burton (Wilhel)
- 14 — I. Roodhouse (Box Hill)
- 14 — Culina (Sta)
- 12 — House (Knox), Bingham (Morw), Mitten, Mila (Pol)
- 11 — D'Sylva (Albion)

VSF Travel Club award

The VSF Travel Club, in conjunction with Ametco Travel, is sponsoring our 1984 State League Top Scorer award.

The winner receives a return trip to Singapore, flying Thai International.

Leading scorers:

- 17 — Smith
- 14 — Tuffield (Fawk)
- 13 — Cozzella (Fawk), Przybyla (Pol), Lazopoulos (WS)
- 12 — House (Knox), Moore (Morw)
- 11 — Mitten (Pol), Coyle (WS)
- 10 — Morovic (Sta)
- 10 — Stewart (Wilhel)
- 8 — Dionisopoulos (North)
- 7 — Watson (Broad), Warszawski (Wilhel)

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

maintains his fine scoring record since joining Falcons from Doveton, the Latrobe Valley side will take some catching. Stinton scored the goals which sunk Polonia 2-0 last Saturday. His record stands at six goals in five games and against Knox City at Egan Lee Reserve this weekend, the big Falcons front runner gets a chance to improve his strike rate.

Stan Webster came on as a sub against Polonia after a lengthy lay-off due to injury. Webster's return puts pressure on Russell Athersych to maintain his hold on a striking berth in the starting line-up. It also adds quality and depth to Dunn's squad for Webster also can be used in midfield.

Falcons' defensive record really stands out. Just as goals have been conceded in State League this year. The next best goals against record is jointly held by Polonia and Albion Rovers. They've conceded 19 goals.

Falcons should be too good

for Knox this Saturday. Jim MacLean and Steve Moore should get enough of the ball in midfield to give Stinton chances to strike.

Knox, St. Albans, Broadmeadows and Doveton look like fighting out the relegation battle. St. Albans seems to have the best chance of success this weekend as it should take the points at Churchill Reserve on Saturday against Wilhelmina.

Former Melbourne Croatia players — Branko Culina, Ned Batovic, Dennis Morovic and Danny Decic — represent the greatest threat to Wilhelmina. Morovic has been something of a sensation since switching from defence to attack earlier this season. The

former Sunshine defender has been banging in goals regularly and he's the man Wilhelmina's defence must watch closely.

Northcote, still on a high

after last weekend's win over Fawkner, can beat Frankston Pines at Monterey Boulevard

on Saturday. Pines coach Danny McMinimiee has reshuffled his defence a few times this year. Peter Thurlow has played as a central defender and latterly as right back. Jimmy Wilson, Gordon Livingstone, Rob Runje and John Cummings all have had a crack at the sweeper's position, indicating that McMinimiee hasn't been happy with his team's defensive efforts. That's a problem here, for one thing. Northcote has been able to do this season's score goals as shown by its goals for tally of 38, the third highest in the league.

Fawkner coach Gus Macleod raved about Northcote midfielder Colin Quigley after Fawkner went down 2-3 at John Cain Reserve last Sunday.

"It was the Colin Quigley show out there. He's got to be one of the best players in State League," said Macleod.

Which makes the midfield battle here intriguing, for Pines midfielder John Cullen is a fine player.

Polonia and Box Hill must beat Croydon and Broad-

meadows respectively to keep in touch with Falcons in the championship race. And win they will, even though Croydon is capable of giving Polonia a torrid time at Raleigh Reserve on Sunday.

Polonia coach John Gardiner reportedly was unfit for a senior duty against Falcons last weekend. But Gardiner played in the reserves! He's too good a player to be out of Polonia's starting line-up, in fact I'll go as far as to say that without Gardiner playing there's no way that Polonia will win the title.

Box Hill has been decimated by injury for Sunday's clash with Broadmeadows at Wembley Park. There's a lot at stake for both sides here. While the Hillmen want to forget about losing their unbeaten run, Broadmeadows is fighting hard to kick clear of relegation trouble.

There's no doubt about it anymore — Albion Rovers are the big improvers in State League this year. Since taking over as coach, Billy McIntyre has instilled a tremendous spirit among the players. His

pairing of Micky D'Sylva and Stuart Gilmour at the heart of Albion's defence has turned out to be a superb positional move.

SATURDAY

Knox City v MORWELL FALCONS at Egan Lee Reserve, 3 pm.

Frankston Pines v NORTHCOLE at Monterey Boulevard, 3 pm.

ST ALBANS DINAMO v Ringwood Wilhelmina at Churchill Reserve, 3 pm.

SUNDAY

FAWKNER v Western Suburbs at Smith Reserve, 3 pm.

POLONIA v Croydon at Raleigh Reserve, 3 pm.

Doveton v Albion Rovers (daru) at Waratah Reserve, 3 pm.

BOX HILL v Broadmeadows at Wembley Park, 3 pm.

HILLMEN HIT BY INJURIES

By PETER DESIRA

Albion Rovers 1

Box Hill 0

Scorer: Robertson 87th

Venue: Solwyn Park.

Scouts from Footscray JUST and George Cross who turned up for the game to size up Steve Smith were disappointed

Hill misses penalty

MONASH UNIVERSITY 1 (Ikonomou 60th), MELTON 1 (Seenan 75th) at Monash, Saturday.

MONASH UNI: Carey, Mills, Martin, Smurthwaite, MacPherson, McManamon, Watson, Clark, Taylor, Bessie, Van Der Westhuizen (sub. G. Ikonomou).

MELTON: Fuller, Lee, P. Bannigan, Gatt, Seenan, M. Bannigan, Robinson, Lister, Docherty, Hill, Larkin.

Monash Uni's attempt to climb from the bottom of the table was frustrated by a persistent Melton in an even tussle.

The first half saw plenty of action but no goals as both sides adjusted to the muddy conditions. Monash had an attempt cleared off the line, but the best chance came to the visitors via the penalty spot. Hill's spot kick, however, rebounded off the post and was gratefully cleared by the 'Ashes' defence.

The university side's fortunes appeared to slide when striker Van der Westhuizen departed, injured, after 55 minutes, but substitute George Ikonomou celebrated his arrival 10 minutes later as his shot found its way past keeper Fuller. Melton's equalizer arrived 15 minutes later in impressive fashion. A cross from Mick Bannigan found Steve Lister at the far post, who in turn headed back across the goalmouth for Herb Seenan to score from close range.

A desperate Monash attempted to regain the initiative, but a Bessie effort on to the woodwork was the closest it could get.

when the State League top scorer failed to take the field due to a bad knee injury.

And there is little doubt that his absence was sorely felt at Albion as the Hillmen created chance after chance all of which went begging for the side to pay the ultimate price and concede defeat with a killer goal by Tom Robertson three minutes from the end.

Robertson took advantage of a mixup between Dave Brooks and keeper John McKinlay, who collided in an attempt to clear a Tom Purcell centre, leaving Robertson with the simple task of collecting the loose ball to tap it into an empty net.

Box Hill coach Billy Murray

switched Paul Priestley from midfield to central striker but the ganging, former Mooroolbark player found the going hard on the slippery and very muddy surface of Selwyn Park and twice blew real scoring opportunities in one-on-one situations with Wally Bryden.

Putting it that way, however, denies all the credit from the keeper who had a marvellous day, also stopping certain goals from David Azopardi (twice) Ray Taylor and Keith Valentine.

Azopardi came closest for Box Hill running on to a superb through ball from Ian Roodhouse in the 39th minute to hammer a shot which rattled the crossbar before it was cleared.

Apart from Smith, Box Hill



Albion Rovers goalkeeper Wally Bryden (centre) punches back to deny one of many Box Hill raids at Selwyn Park last Saturday. Others pictured, from right: Ian Roodhouse, Paul Priestley (Box Hill), Stuart Gilmour, Steve Douglas (Albion). Albion won 1-0.

Penalty Box Hill's championship aspirations. Picture by LES SHOR-ROCK.

SELECTIONS

METROPOLITAN

Saturday: NUNAWADING CITY vs Richmond, DONCASTER ROVERS vs Saturday, NORTH DANDENONG vs Albion City, THE MASTERS vs Albion City, Kew vs MELBOURNE.

SUNDAY

Marched to SPRINGVALE CITY, WENTWEE vs Ball Park.

DIVISION TWO

Saturday: RINGWOOD UNITED vs Waverley City, South Dandenong vs Sandhurst, Coburg vs STH MELB MORDORALIC, Preston vs NORTH GEELONG, MORNINGTON vs Dandenong City, KILPATRICK vs CAULFIELD CITY, HEDDERLEY BUNDOORA vs Eltham.

DIVISION THREE

Saturday: KARINGAL vs Newcastle City, Mooroolbark vs Geelong United, Brighton vs PORT MELBOURNE, Essendon City vs HAMILTON RANGERS, COLE vs PRAIRIAN CITY, BURNING vs ROTAL RICHMOND, YALLOUR vs Astor.

DIVISION FOUR

Saturday: RUSSELL vs SPRINGVALE UNITED, Rosanna vs Yarraville United, Greenborough vs LAKE UNITED, Loughborough vs HOLLAND PARK, Fawkner Gully vs East Brunswick (Leed), KEYSBOROUGH vs Bundoora, HAWTHORN vs Gilroy Hill United.

PROVISIONAL

Saturday: Carlton vs Monash Uni, LEATON vs West Geelong, Central City vs BORONIA, West Brunswick vs BALLARAT, Melburn City vs CLARINDA, HAWSBURN vs Chelsea.

DIVISION TWO

Saturday: RECENT vs South Dandenong, ALTONA UNITED vs South Yarra, Cranbourne vs UNI OF MELBOURNE, PASCOE VALE vs Narrevalle United, Kewarra vs ARBUSTOFT, GEELONG UNITED vs Berwick City.

DIVISION THREE

Saturday: Diamond Valley vs SEAFORD, BUNDOORA UNITED vs West Melbourne, HAMILTON WANDERERS vs Port United, BRISWICK CITY vs Dandenong City, NORTH SUNSHINE vs Traralgon, Lyndale United vs CLARINDA KIDYONG, MICHAM vs MISSISSIPPI.

DIVISION FOUR

Saturday: Moorook vs MIDLAND, Richmond United vs PARKMORE, Camren vs SOUTH PARKMORE, ST KILDA vs Belmont, Epping Thistle vs WESTALL.

AMATEUR LEAGUE

Sunday: MACCARI vs Meadow Park, Latrobe Uni vs MELBOURNE UNI, ENDOFARVOR WELS vs North Melbourne, DALWYN CITY vs Waverley United, CHADSTONE vs Ascot St Marks, BUNDOORA vs Balclutha.

DIVISION TWO

Sunday: Phillip Institute vs RUSLEY, SOUTH SPRINGVALE vs Dandenong, Hout Union vs WEST MEADOWS, Old Scotch College vs CONCORDIA, NORTHERN SUBURBS vs Eagles United.

DIVISION THREE

Sunday: EAST RICHMOND vs Lower City, Diggers Rest vs RINGWOOD ROVERS, COLLINGWOOD vs Melbourne United, COLLINGWOOD CITY vs Brimston.

Rees nabs the winner

ELTHAM 1 (P. Cirka 16th) COBURG 2 (Addy 4th, Rees 39th) at North Eltham, Saturday.

ELTHAM: Panas 7, Hadzic 7, M. Cirka 7, Raynes 7, DeLany 8, Woodward 8, Curcio 7, P. Cirka 7, Norman 7, Schipano 7.

COBURG: Paton 8, McKenna 8 (sent off 38th), Simpson 8, Potter 8, Perkins 8, Kew 8, Macleod 8, -Scott 8, Addy 8, Cassidy 8, Wilmet 8.

All players who took part in this match in the quagmire at North Eltham deserve a medal.

Although Coburg played for more than half the game a man short it just held off a determined Eltham finish to take both points.

It was a game of kick and rush and the visitors took the lead in the 4th minute when Steve Addy hit a 35 metre volley high into the net giving Bill Panas no chance of saving.

In the 16th minute Peter Cirka rose above a pack of players to nod the ball into the net for the equaliser.

Just after half time he took the 38th minute, Panas had to rush from his goal to clear an attack and as he ran back, Rees hit a low shot from all of 50 metres. Panas slipped as he dived and the ball trickled into the net for what proved to be the winner.

Eltham had the bulk of the play in the second half but Coburg Paton in fine form the day it had nothing to show for its efforts.

No date yet

The VSF hadn't announced a date for the playing of Sunday's postponed match at Croydon Park between Croydon and Doveton as we went to press.

The game was called off due to the waterlogged pitch. VSF secretary George Wallace said on Monday that "you can rest assured that we (the VSF) won't be making the clubs play two games in two days."

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St Albans Dinamo.
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Middle row: Ken Hutchins (physio), Danny Ramljak, Rade Nobilo, John Bruno, Mike Debeljuh, Dennis Morovic, George Radman, Anton Kustura, Pero Kasalo (coach), Miro Hedjes (team manager).
Front row: Ivan Dula, Vinko Pavlovic, Zvonko Mecanovic, Ned Batinovic (vice-captain), Mate Bozic, Sveto Rastocic.

St Albans Dinamo's history reflects the multi-national nature of the Melbourne suburb which often is described as the headquarters of Victorian soccer. A mainly German club back in the sixties, St Albans amalgamated with Polish club Olympia and won the Second Division championship and the Armistice Cup in 1965. Olympia became Kellor City after splitting with St Albans, which narrowly missed out on promotion to the State League in the next two seasons. More recently, St Albans has been a Croatian club. It won the Second Division championship last year and was promoted to the State League in a major re-organisation of the Victorian competitions. A grandiose social club currently is being built at Churchhill Reserve, making St Albans's future the brightest it has been since the mid-sixties.

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I tifosi dovrebbero ricordarsi di essere anche degli sportivi

Domenica scorsa il confronto Marconi - Juventus appariva come il classico caso della vittima premeditata arrivata da Melbourne per essersi immolata sull'altare della squadra di casa.

La povera Juventus era reduce da una della più lunghe serie negative nella sua storia recente, mentre il Marconi aveva ottenuto risultati altisonanti da qualche mese questa parte.

All'ultimo momento la Juventus veniva privata di due dei suoi uomini più validi in Lloyd e Dowie che ricevevano due settimane di squalifica dalla Lega per aver accumulato il totale di 24 punti ciascuno in infrazioni varie (cartellini gialli e rossi).

L'allenatore Margaritis doveva così ricorrere alle riserve per poter portare a Sydney un numero sufficiente di giocatori per schierare undici uomini ed avere qualcuno sulla panchina come riserva. Con suo sommo errore si accorgeva che anche due dei ragazzi che avrebbe voluto promuovere alla rosa della prima squadra erano in-

fortunati, Paul Romano e Sam Greco.

Con tanta carenza di materiale umano, un altro allenatore si sarebbe rassegnato a fare atto di presenza e nessuno avrebbe potuto dargli colpa se la squadra fosse tornata dalla trasferta con una pesante sconfitta.

Margaritis non solo è andato a Sydney per vincere, cosa che tutti gli allenatori fanno per essenza coerenti con se stessi e con il ruolo che ricoprono, ma ha preparato un piano tattico che ha funzionato a meraviglia e che da solo dà una prova inconfutabile delle capacità del tecnico bianconero (chechke ne dicono coloro che lo hanno portato in trionfo alcuni mesi fa quando la squadra cinveva e avrebbe voluto la sua testa nelle ultime settimane quando la squadra perdeva).

Per cominciare Keogh è stato sostituito da Martin, in-

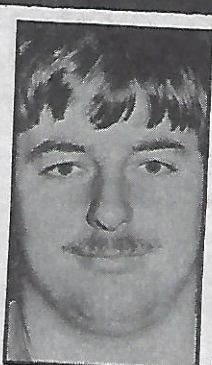
porta perché più adatto allo stile di gioco del Marconi che usa molto i traversoni in area per sfondare la porta avversaria e che perciò può essere affrontato meglio da un portiere capace di uscire e neutralizzare i pericoli prima che l'avversario abbia il tempo di scoccare il tiro finale, e Martin si è dimostrato all'altezza della situazione con una prestazione maschia e decisa, anche se tecnicamente non proprio eccelsa.

Altro grosso pericolo per la difesa bianconera era rappresentato da Sharne che avrebbe fatto passare grossi guai al fuori forma Geremia, anche qui Margaritis ha imboccato la mossa giusta mettendo il capitano Rogers a terzino con il compito di controllare l'ex nazionale australiano e Billy ha fatto un lavoro ammirevole fino a che un infortunio non lo ha messo fuori causa a venti minuti dalla fine.

Altra mossa indovinata di Margaritis è stata quella di spostare Campbell da terzino sinistro (dove è stato sostituito da Swinscoe) a centrocampista con compiti di copertura davanti a Drinocky. Ma forse la mossa più felice è stata quella di indietreggiare Ward sulla fascia laterale del centrocampo con compiti di contenimento e di rifinitura, lasciando ogni valletta offensiva ai veloci garretti di Zini e Cullen.

Il giovane Minichello a centrocampo ha anche risposto alle aspettative dell'allenatore fornendo una magnifica prova; anche l'altro giovane Sagan ha dato il suo contributo di generosità e combattività.

La inaspettata vittoria della Juventus è quindi scaturita da



Mauro Raponi, il portiere del Thomastown, è imbattuto da sei settimane ad ha subito solo 15 reti in tutto il campionato. Anche se l'ex juventino può contare su un ottimo difesa, queste statistiche provano il suo indiscusso valore.

un piano preciso dall'allenatore bianconero che, trovatosi con una squadra ulteriormente decimata dalle squalifiche di Lloyd e Dowie, ha impostato la sua formazione su una difesa dura a battaglia (Martin, Swinscoe e Rogers al posto dei più tecnici un centrocampista con quattro uomini capaci di contenere le puntate avversarie pur cercando, quando possibile, di lanciare le due veloci punte Zini e Cullen).

Con questo non vogliamo dire che i guai della Juventus sono finiti con la vittoria contro il Marconi, ma che Margaritis è riuscito a vincere una partita che nessuno si sognava avrebbe potuto vincere.

Non pretendiamo nemmeno che i tifosi juventini fossero andati all'aeroporto ad attendere il ritorno della comitiva bianconera per portate in trionfo il tecnico ed il suo drappello di combattenti, ma vogliamo invitare la tifoseria ad essere un poco meno focosa nei momenti difficili e smetterla con l'eterna litania di prendersela con l'allenatore quando le cose non vanno per il verso sperato.

Se Margaritis fosse stato licenziato la settimana scorsa, come la maggior parte dei tifosi chiedeva dopo la sconfitta subita dal Green Gully, siamo sicuri che nessun allenatore di questo mondo con la squadra a disposizione sarebbe stato capace di andare a battere il lanciatissimo Marconi nella sua tana di Sydney.

Purtroppo per Margaritis e per la Juventus la sfortuna continua ad accanirsi contro di loro: perché Rogers ha subito un serio infortunio al ginocchio e sarà quasi sicuramente fuori causa per domenica prossima contro il JUST. Lunedì il capitano juventino aveva il ginocchio gonfio come un pallone ed il medico lo ha mandato da uno specialista per accertare l'entità del danno che potrebbe essere abbastanza grave da richiedere un'operazione o comunque una lunga degenza. Speriamo che i timori del medico siano infondati e che Rogers possa continuare questa sua stagione in cui sembra aver ritrovato la sua TERZA giovinezza alla rispettabile età di 35 anni!

Senza Rogers, Lloyd e Dowie la lista dei giocatori bianconeri messi fuori causa per una ragione o l'altra sta raggiungendo proporzioni senza precedenti. Pretendere che Margaritis escogiti un'altra soluzione anche per domenica prossima contro il JUST è sperare un po' troppo, ma tutto è possibile specialmente se i tifosi riescono ad accettare la gravità della situazione e, invece di criticare con tanta spietata superficialità, si stringessero nuovamente intorno alla squadra, ai suoi giocatori ed ai suoi dirigenti. L'abbiamo detto prima e lo ripetiamo: quando le cose vanno male per una serie di validi motivi (i molti infortuni e l'inevitabile calo di forma di qualsiasi squadra) la



tifoseria dovrebbe mostrare più maturità e più razionalità dando a tecnici e giocatori il tempo e l'aiuto morale per risalire la china.

Tutti sono capaci di applaudire e inscenare celebrazioni quando la squadra vince, ma solo un pubblico sportivo e maturo riesce a mitigare il disappunto quando la squadra perde e a darle il sostegno morale e materiale quando le cose vanno male. Criticare è la prerogativa del pubblico e la base del miglioramento di ogni cosa, ma la critica va fatta in maniera costruttiva e dentro i limiti del buon senso.

Se la Juventus, e tante squadre italiane nei vari campionati, non riescono a produrre risultati positivi duraturi parte della colpa è da ascrivere alla tifoseria italiana. Ammettiamolo, non siamo un pubblico sul quale un club può fare tanto affidamento nei momenti difficili ed è perciò impossibile voler squadroni grandi club che si costruiscono solo con anni di continuo sostegno e non con i fuochi di paglia che durano soltanto fino a che la squadra vince.

Altra squadra italiana della Lega Nazionale che sembra stia pagando troppo duramente l'ira non completamente giustificata dei suoi tifosi è il Brisbane City che domenica ha battuto il non trascurabile Melita. Ad assistere alla partita c'erano la bellezza di 40 spettatori e l'allenatore Gilroy aveva in tasca la sua dimissione con l'intenzione di consegnare dopo la partita in caso la squadra avesse perso.

Altro caso di quanto la tifoseria possa rovinare la squadra che insiste a chiamare "del cuore" si è verificato in questo turno della Lega Nazionale.

John Kosmina, capitano della nazionale australiana e del Sydney City, ha rinunciato alla trasferta di Melbourne perché qualche "tifoso" del



Frank Pimblett, captain of Brisbane City (left) is airborne, with his eyes on goal, as he possesses Melita's Howard Tredinnick (left) at Spencer Park last Sunday. In the background is City's Frank Liddell. Picture by CARLOS PICASSO.

South Melbourne Hellas gli aveva telefonato in settimana minacciandolo di morte se avesse messo piede al Middle Park.

Forse Kosmina ha fatto male a prendere la minaccia di un esultato troppo sul serio e forse i dirigenti del Sydney City hanno esagerato ad imporre a Kosmina di stare a casa. Ma è difficile sapere in questi tempi di estremismi fino a che punto dover prendere sul serio certe minacce.

E siamo sicuri che, oltre a Kosmina ed i suoi dirigenti, la minaccia è stata presa in considerazione da tanta altra gente che normalmente avrebbe voluto andare a vedere la partita fra le due più forti squadre australiane. Solo un tremila spettatori hanno invece visto la partita e non si può certo dire colpa a chi se ne è stato a casa per non rischiare di trovarsi coinvolti in una situazione pericolosa ed incresciosa.

Quando tutti si affannano a trovare motivi e soluzioni per far migliorare il calcio australiano, o le fortune di qualche club, bisognerebbe tener anche presente la mancanza di pubblico veramente sportivo e la presenza di tante teste calde che rovinano lo spettacolo e l'operato del club con escandescenze non degne dell'ambiente sportivo.

Il Morwell al comando.

Il Morwell Falcons è saltato in cima alla classifica della Lega Statale del Victoria con una brillante vittoria sulla diretta avversaria del Polonia ed approfittando dello scivolone che l'altra grande del Northcote.

Dopo un inizio di stagione i Falcons di Morwell hanno aumentato il ritmo del loro rendimento in modo particolare dell'arrivo di Stirton che in cinque partite è andato a segno sei volte ed è stato cinque volte il migliore in campo. La sconfitta del Fawknar ha molte attenuanti se si esamina la lista dei giocatori infamati e squalificati: Terzini, Boyle, Hobson e McLeod.

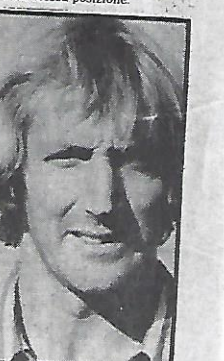
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Il Thomastown è sempre più solidamente piazzato al primo posto della classifica di prima divisione ed ormai sembra capace di fermare la sua marcia sicura verso la vittoria di campionato e la promozione alla Lega Statale il prossimo anno.

La Triestina ed il Bullen hanno continuato a vincere nella terza divisione, mentre l'East Brunswick Abruzzo si è impantanato nell'acquitrino del Balfe Park ed ha subito una inattesa sconfitta contro il Keysborough.

Il Dallas McLeod è nuovamente primo in classifica nella terza divisione della Lega Provisionale dopo la netta vittoria sul Mitcham e dovrebbe continuare fino a conclusione del campionato per far registrare un'altra vittoria di una squadra italiana.

Stesso discorso per il West all nella quarta divisione, la squadra italiana ha condotto il campionato quasi sempre in testa e dovrebbe concluderlo nella stessa posizione.



Billy Rogers ancora una volta è stato l'anima della Juventus nella vittoria contro il Marconi; purtroppo però un grave infortunio lo ha messo fuori causa.



Il nazionale scozzese Graham Souness acquistato dalla Sampdoria.



Il Milan ha condotto una poderosa campagna acquisti per cercare di tornare ad essere lo squadrone che era prima della retrocessione a tavolino di alcuni anni. Oltre ad aver riportato nella città della Madonna l'allenatore Liedholm, il club rossoneri ha acquistato gli inglesi Wilkins e Hateley. Nella foto, scattata al ritiro di Bressanone, quattro dei giocatori che dovranno risolvere le sorti della squadra. Da sinistra: Verza, Wilkins, Tassotti e Hateley.

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Δημιούργησαν διδύληρη κατάσταση οι άνθρωποι της Χακιά λίγο πριν τον αγώνα με την Έλλάς στο Μίντα Πάρκ.

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Τελικά οἱ ἡ ισχυρή αστυνομική δύναμη χρειάστηκε, οἱ τὸ παραμικρό έγινε πὸς τὸ χαλῶσε τὸν αγώνα.

Καὶ τὸ μόνο πὸς ἔμεινε στὴν ἑβραϊκή ομάδα ἦταν ἡ ντροπή και τίποτε ἄλλο.

Τὸ ξαναγράφουμε κύριοι της Χακιά: Οἱ Ἕλληνες φιλάθλοι δὲν εἶναι ἀγρίμια, εἶναι φίλοι τοῦ ὁραίου αὐτοῦ ἀθλήματος και εἶναι πάντοτε παρόντες σὰ γήπεδα ἀντίθετα μεῖς εἰς πὸς ἔχετε δὲν ἔχε τε 200 ὁπαδούς... Αὐτοὶ εἰσάστε.

ΤΟ ΝΤΕΡΜΙ ΔΕΝ ΙΚΑΝΟΠΟΙΗΣΕ

Κανένα δὲν ἱκανοποίησε τὸ μεγάλο ντέρμ κυ τὸν ὅσο πρώτος.

Τόσο ἡ Έλλάς, ὅσο και ἡ Χακιά ἐπαίξαν προσεκτικά και ἦταν βεβένης στίς ἀμυνές τους.

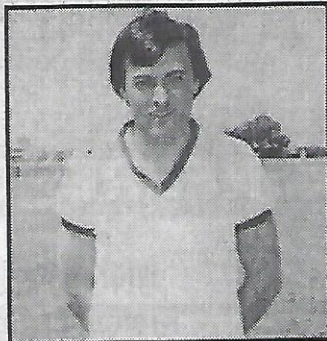
Μ' ἄλλα λόγια ἦταν ἐκεῖνο πὸς λέρε: "Φοβάται ὁ Γιάννης τὸ βερὶ και τὸ βερὶ τὸν Γιάννη" και ἄντε μετὰ οἱ φιλάθλοι οἱ ἥρωες πὸς ἀφῆσαν τὸ κρύο και πῆγαν σὲ γήπεδο, νὰ δοῦν ποδόσφαιρο.

Πάντως τὸ τελικὸ 0-0 ἦταν και δίκαιο α ποτέλεσμα ἔτσι πὸς ἐπαίξαν οἱ ὁδο ἀντίπαλοι.

Ο κ. ΑΝΕΞΑΚΗ

Στεναχωρημένος μεῖς τὴν ἱσοπαλία ἀνευ τε ρμάτων ἦταν ὁ πρὸεδρος τῆς κυανολευκῆς κ. Αεωνίδας Ἀνεξάκης ὁ ὁποῖος ἔδλωσε:

"Τὸ 0-0 ἦταν δίκαιο ὅλλὰ κατὶ ἄλλο πὸς με στεναχωρεῖ εἶναι τὸ γιατί νὰ παίζεις ἡ Ἰν ομάδα μεῖς τὴν Ἰν, ἡ 2η μεῖς τὴν 2η και ὁτὼ μαθεῖς."



Ο Γιώργος Μυστριώτης, ἀπ' τὰ παλαιότερα στελέχη τοῦ Κλίφτον Χιλ, κατόρθωσε φέτος να εἶναι ἕνας ἀπὸ τους βασικούς παίκτες στὴν ἄμυνα των κυανολευκῶν. Παράλληλα, ο συμπαθὴς Γιώργος εἶναι και υπεύθυνος γιὰ τὴν β' ομάδα και θετικός συνεργάτης τοῦ τεχνικοῦ της τακτικῆς ἐνδεκάδας. Πριν λίγες μέρες ο Γιώργος ἔγινε και μπαμπάς. Η σύζυγός τοῦ Χορούλα ἔφερε στὸν κόσμο ἕνα χαριτωμένο αγοράκι, πὸς σίγουρα θα ἀκολουθήσει τὰ σκῆδια τοῦ πατέρα. Στους ευτυχῆς γονεῖς ἡ στήλη τους εὐχεται να τους χῆσει.

Εἶναι ἄδικο αὐτὸ και παράπονα ἔκαναν και οἱ ἀρμόδιοι παρόντες της Χακιά.

Γιὰ παράδειγμα ἔμεις γιατί νὰ παίζουμε μεῖς τὴν Χακιά και ὄχι μεῖς τὴν Ἀπια πὸς ἐπαίξε ὁ Μέγας. Νομίζω ὅτι νὰ μπορούσαμε νὰ πάρουμε τοὺς βαθμούς της νίκης γιατί ὅπως και νὰ τὸ κάνουμε ἡ Χακιά εἶναι πὰ ντα μεγάλη και ὁδοκοὴ ομάδα.

Λυπάμαι ὅλλὰ δὲν εἶναι συνθήματα αὐτὰ πὸς καταστρέφουν τὶς ὁμάδες"

ΝΙΚΗΣ ΤΟ ΚΟΛΩΝΤ

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ΤΟ ΟΚΑΝ ΔΕΝ ΕΠΙΣΤΕ

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Στὸν συμπαθὴ παίκτη ἡ στήλη τοῦ εὐχετα ταχεῖα ἀνέκρωση.

ΤΟ ΚΑΙΦΤΟΝ ΧΙΛ ΕΑΡΕΣ ΠΑΛΙ

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Μετὰ ἀπὸ πολλές χαμένες ἐκκαιρίες και ἕνα σούτ τοῦ Πετρόπουλου σὲ δοκάρη ὁ πὸς καλὸς Λορέντζι μεῖς σούτ ἔκανε τὸ 1-0 σὲ 31' γιὰ νὰ ἀποκροῦσει λίγο μετὰ ἀντίπαλος ἔπῳνα σὲ γραμμὴ κεφαλιά τοῦ ἴδιου παίκτη.

Στὸ 46' ὁ Πετρόπουλος ἔξυπνα ἔκανε τὸ 2-0 και σὲ 50' ὁ Γκέλλης ἀνέβασε τὸ σκόρ σὰ 3-0 σιγουρευόντας τὴν νίκη.

Τὸ Γκρήνσμπορ ὅμως σὲ 51' και 52' μεῖς ὁδο βασικὰ λάθη της ἀμυνας τοῦ Κλίφτον ἔκανε τὸ 3-2 δίνοντας ἄλλη τροπή στὸν αγώνα ἄλλὰ οἱ παίκτες τοῦ Κλίφτον πέρασαν στὴν ἐπίθεση.

Καρύλιαμης, Ἀνδριώτης και ὅκκος σάθη-καν ἀτυχοὶ στὴν τελική τους προσπάθεια γιὰ νὰ κάνει ὁ Ἀνδριώτης τὸ 4-2 σὲ 78' μεῖς κεφαλιά μετὰ ἀπὸ σέντρα τοῦ Κοντρέρα.

Ἐπαίξαν οἱ Κόρμιος, Μυστριώτης, Βλαχάκης (49' Γκέλλης) Ὁτολ, Καρύλιαμης, Λορέντζι.

ντζι, Κοντρέρα, Μπελεγγρίνο, Στρατάκης (65' ὅκκος) Πετρόπουλος, Ἀνδριώτης. Τὸς βαθμούς πήραν οἱ Πετρόπουλος 3, Κοντρέρα 2, Λορέντζι 1. Ἡ Β' ὁμάδα νίκησε 4-1 και μεῖς τέρματα τὸν Αραβάν 2, Σαμπούκον και Βυθόλκα.

ΘΡΙΑΜΒΟΣ ΤΗΣ Ν. ΕΛΛΑΔΣ

Φοβερὴ ἡ Ν. Ἑλλάς τὸ ἔντυ ἔδωκεν πῆρε τὸ Καρίγκαλ με 3-1 και ἀβῆσε τὶς πιθανότητες γιὰ τὴν προνομιούχο 2η θέση.

Ἄδο τέρματα πέτυχε ὁ Τζὸ Παλατιδῆς πὸς ἦταν και ὁ καλύτερος παίκτης της συνάντησης και ἕνα ὁ Τσολλάκης.

Μεῖς τὴν ὁμάδα τοῦ Πόρτ Μέλμπορν ἐπαίξαν οἱ Πασόκος, Ζαφρημένιος, Γρηγόριον, Νικολάου, Ντουράκοβιτς, Τσολλάκης, Κωστόπουλος, Θεοχάρους, Κυπρίος, Παλατιδῆς, Κωνσταντίνου.

Τὶς καλύτερες ἐντυπώσεις ἀφῆσε ὁ ρεφερέ κ. SORESENSEN ὁ ὁποῖος πῆρε συγχαρητήρια ἀπὸ νικητὲς και ἡττημένους.

Πραγματὶ εἶναι τάλαντο διαιτησίας πὸς σίγουρα θὰ τὸν δοῦμε στὴν Ἑθνική Κατηγορία ἀν συνεχίσει ἔτσι.

Στὸν αγώνα τοῦ Πόρτ Μέλμπορν ἔτρεξε ἴσως περισσότερο και ἀπὸ τους παίκτες και βρέθηκε κοντὰ στίς φάσεις χωρίς νὰ ἀφῆσει κανένα παραπονεμένο.

Ἀναμφισβήτητα τὸν ἀξίζουν ἀρίστα 10.

Στίς 5 Ἀγούστου ἡ Ν. Ἑλλάς διοργανῶνε Μπαρμπεκίου σὲ γηπέδο της ἀπὸ τὶς 11 τὸ πρωὶ ἔως τὶς 5 μ.μ.

Ὅλοι εἶναι ἐπρόσδεκτοι.

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΝΤΕΡΜΙ

Τὸ Σάββατο θὰ γίνε σὲ γήπεδο τοῦ Πέλοπα ἕνα μικρὸ ἑλληνικὸ ντέρμ.

Ἡ γηπεδοῦχος ὑποδέχεται τὸ Κλίφτον Χιλ σὰ ἕνα αγώνα πὸς και οἱ ὁδο ὁμάδες χρειάζονται τοὺς βαθμούς.

Ὁ Πέλοπας γιὰ νὰ ξεφῶγει ἀπὸ τὴν ἐπικίνδυνη ζώνη και τὸ Κλίφτον γιὰ νὰ πλησίσει τοὺς πρώτους.

Πιστεύεται ὅτι και οἱ ὁδο ἀντίπαλοι θὰ παίζουν μέσα σὲ ἀθλητικὰ πλαίσια και θὰ ἱκανοποιήσουν τοὺς φιλάθλους.

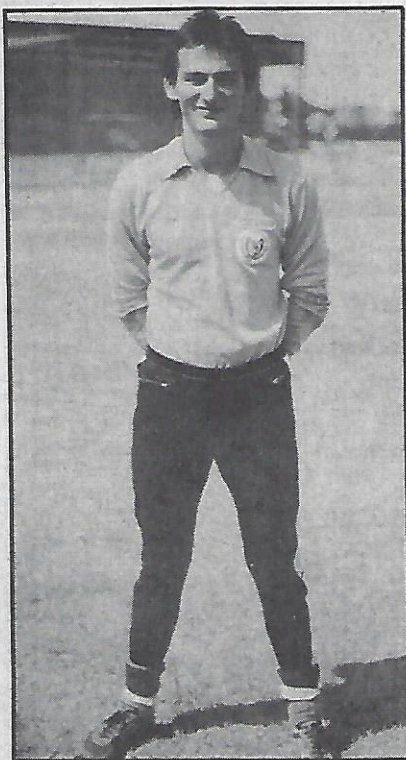
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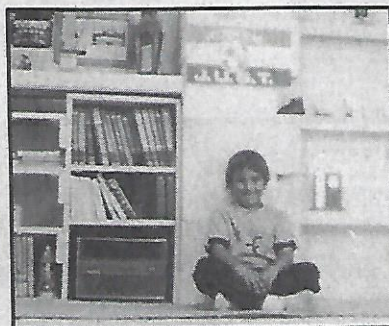
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Jedno kratko vreme (do 19. avgusta ove godine), dok se pisac ovih redova ne vrati sa godišnjeg odмора, ova rubrika će imati više slika nego teksta. Razume se, ako bilo ko želi da objavi kratak opis nekog sportskog događaja iz jugoslovenske sportske zajednice može da ga pošalje na adresu "Soccer Actiona" (naglasiti da je za Jugoslovensku scenu). Izveštaji moraju biti iskucani na pisacoj mašini. Isto važi za slike, koje treba slati sa propratnim tekstom.

Slike koje objavljujemo u ovoj rubrici snimili su Stojan Mitic, Milan Ninovic i Slavko Drlic.



TIBOR MISTRIC, golman HAWKSURNA
Brani odlično, ali ne može sve sam.



NAJMLADJI NAVIJAC

Najmladji JUST-ov navijac zivi u Hobartu. Ime mu je Dane Knezevic. Pohadja prvi razred. Dobar je učenik i igrac. Ambicija mu je da obuce JUST-ov dres sa brojem 9.



SPRINGVALE Utd (Bratstvo/Jedinstvo)

Favorit za prvo mesto u četvrtjoj diviziji.

Desno je predsednik Mihajlo Pejić,

a levo trener Ivica Cvek.



CENTRAL CITY C. ZVEZDA

Na početku sezone bilo je sve lepo (med i mleko), ali posle se ustanovilo da je neophodno i iskustvo.



TOP SOCCER THIS WEEKEND

AUGUST 4-5



AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE



*Terry Butler
Leichhardt*

**Leichhardt
v St George**
Lambert Park Sunday 3pm
Previous NSL results
Leichhardt 4 wins
St George 4 wins
1 draw

**Marconi
v Melita Eagles**
Marconi Stadium Sunday 3pm
Previous NSL results
1 draw



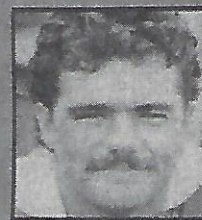
*Colin McAusland
Melita Eagles*



*Mike Boogard
Newcastle*

**Newcastle
v Blacktown**
**Adamstown Oval
Saturday 2.30pm**
Previous NSL results
Newcastle 2 wins
2 draws

**Sydney Olympic
v Wollongong**
Pratten Park Sunday 3pm
Previous NSL results
Sydney Olympic 3 wins
Wollongong 3 wins
1 draw



*Gary Phillips
Sydney Olympic*



*Mike Milovanovic
Brisbane City*

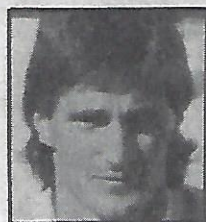
**Penrith
v Brisbane City**
Cook Park Sunday 3pm
Previous NSL results
Penrith 1 win

**Sydney City
v Sydney Croatia**
**Sydney Athletic Field
Sunday 3pm**
Previous NSL results
Sydney City 1 win



*Bret Woods
Sydney Croatia*

NATIONAL CONFERENCE



*Don McLaren
Sunshine George X*

**Brisbane Lions
v Sunshine George Cross**
Richlands Sunday 3pm
Brisbane Lions 1 win

**Footscray
v Juventus**
**Schintler Reserve
Sunday 3pm**
Previous NSL results
Footscray 1 win



*Gary Ward
Juventus*



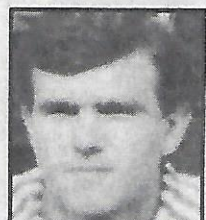
*Bobby McGuinness
Green Gully*

**Green Gully
v Canberra Arrows**
Gully Reserve Sunday 3pm
No Previous NSL results

**Heidelberg
v Adelaide City**
Olympic Village Sunday 3pm
Previous NSL results
Heidelberg 5 wins
Adelaide City 8 wins
2 draws



*Mike Petersen
Heidelberg*



*Josip Biskic
Melb. Croatia*

**Melbourne Croatia
v Preston**
**Olympic Park No. 1
Sunday 3pm**
Previous NSL results
Melbourne Croatia 1 win
1 draw

**West Adelaide
v South Melbourne**
Hindmarsh Sunday 2.30pm
W. Adelaide 7 wins
South Melbourne 7 wins
2 draws



*Doug Brown
South Melbourne*